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VICE PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Search draws 165, but none from campus

Committee hopes to name 5 finalists before Christmas

By JOHN HACKER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

More than 160 applications for the academic vice presidency have been received—and not one is from a Missouri Southern faculty member or administrator.

The search committee started sifting through the applications on Nov. 1 as the search for a replacement for Dr. Robert Brown continues. Brown left in June to become president of Arkansas Tech University.

College President Julio Leon said many of the top candidates

from Southern were getting used to new positions or were otherwise occupied at this time.

"For every national search, there will not necessarily be candidates from within the institution," Leon said. "We may well have some unusual circumstances here."

Dr. John Tiede, senior vice president and chairman of the search committee, said competition around the country for positions such as this is fierce.

"I saw quite a few ads in the *Chronicle for Higher Education* for academic vice presidents," he said. "Here in Mis-

souri, Central Missouri State University is looking for a provost, which is their equivalent to our VP."

The 165 applications were a

number," he said. "It could be there are more people out there wanting to move up."

Dr. Jack Spurlin, dean of technology and another member of

nice job, and a nice salary," Spurlin said. "I expected quite a few to apply."

He said he had not heard of anyone at Southern who was interested in the position.

"I believe in the national search, but I also believe we have a number of qualified people here on campus," Spurlin said.

"I would have had no problem choosing someone from here if they were truly qualified and wanted the job."

Dr. Larry Martin, interim dean of the school of arts and sciences, was considered a leading in-house candidate for the job. Martin said he had considered the position early in the semester, but "that was a long time ago."

"I hadn't had time to think about it," Martin said.

"My wife has been ill, and a lot of things are more important than [advancement]. I appreciate the sentiment though."

Tiede said he is looking at job histories—job progression and position currently held—to help him choose finalists.

"This is just my personal opinion, but I'm looking for someone in a dean's position at a larger institution or an academic VP in a smaller institution," he said. "I'm also looking for teaching experience."

The committee's next meeting is Nov. 19. Tiede said he hoped the committee would name four or five finalists by Christmas break.

"This is the opportunity to move into a nice community, a nice job, and a nice salary. I expected quite a few to apply."



— Dr. Jack Spurlin —

few more than Tiede said he expected to receive.

"I expected around 150, so I was a little surprised by the

the committee, said he was not surprised by the number.

"This is an opportunity to move into a nice community, a

STAIRWAY TO SUCCESS?



T. ROB BROWN/The Chart

A mirror effect seems to take shape as students climb the front stairwell in Webster Hall yesterday before the start of 1 p.m. classes.

JOPLIN AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Forum to tackle NAFTA outcome

By JOHN HACKER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

It won't be Ross Perot and Al Gore on "Larry King Live," but the subject will be the same.

Missouri Southern will host a forum on the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) at 2 p.m. tomorrow in the Webster Hall auditorium. It will be televised on MSTV at 8 p.m. tomorrow and after the Joplin City Council meeting Monday.

The forum, sponsored by the Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce, will feature six to eight speakers discussing both sides of the agreement.

"We hope to give a broad audience—not just business people—the opportunity to hear from employers how they feel NAFTA will affect their business," said Gary Tonjes, president of the Chamber. "The thought came about when we heard about the debate between Perot and Gore."

Tom Simpson, assistant professor of political science, will moderate the discussion.

"My job is to act like Fred Friendly—to keep the conversation going," Simpson said. "This is not a debate. We are just inviting people to share their views in a conversation."

One person in the audience whose opinion will have a direct impact on NAFTA's success or

failure will be Congressman Mel Hancock (R-Mo.). Marilyn Ruestman, field coordinator for Hancock's Joplin office, said the congressman is tentatively scheduled to attend.

"There is a lot of voting going on now in Washington, so there is a chance he will not attend, but it is on his schedule."

Tonjes said he was in the process of choosing the panel, which would consist of both educators and business people.

"We're asking manufacturers on both sides of the issue who had responded to a survey we gave out a couple of months ago," Tonjes said. "[Some of them] are from larger companies with more employees and more exposure internationally. We are optimistic we can get at least three on each side."

Simpson said he is glad the College is involved in the event.

"I think we ought to have a frank and honest exchange of views," Simpson said. "I'm offended when we take 'Larry King Live' as a model to discuss public administration."

Tonjes said the Chamber has not yet taken a position on NAFTA.

"I'm doing my best not to have this as a pro- or anti-NAFTA rally," Tonjes said. "My hope is not for this to be an emotional battle but for it to be a serious, proper discussion of views."

ADMISSIONS

Recruiting night draws 100

No 'hard sells' from Southern staff

By KAYLEA HUTSON
MANAGING EDITOR

A "success" is how College administrators are describing the Nov. 1 recruiting night in Springfield.

Fifty-four members of the Missouri Southern faculty, staff, and student body attended the event at the University Plaza Center. The recruitment night was designed to promote Southern as a viable college option for the 1,500 graduating seniors from the five public high schools, the Catholic school, and the Greenwood accelerated school in Springfield.

Approximately 100 people attended the event, including students and parents from the seven Springfield schools. Thirty-five to 40 students came

from schools surrounding Springfield, such as Nixa, Republic, Marshfield, Ash Grove, Fair Grove, and Branson. Dr. Glenn Dolence, vice president for student services, said Kickapoo High School had the most students in attendance.

"A number of interested students attended," said College President Julio Leon. "In general it was a good experience."

"It seemed like they [represented] a good distribution of interests."

"I feel really good about it," Dolence said. "I don't think that there were any hard sells that evening."

"It was a relaxed atmosphere. They were able to get information they were seeking, yet not be pressured."

Dolence said the responses he

has received from high school counselors in attendance were positive.

"We couldn't afford to take all of these people to each individual high school," he said. "[This way] everybody to my knowledge had an opportunity to talk to someone."

While all of the departments were represented at the event, Dolence and Leon agreed that one seemed to represent a large interest.

"Mr. [Pete] Havelly (music department head) talked to several students interested in biology and business but also interested in the band," Leon said. "It was good for him to be able to talk to the prospective band members."

Dolence said Havelly talked to 12 students interested in the band.

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BOARD OF REGENTS

Adams' dedication pays off with award

By KEVIN MCCLINTOCK
STAFF WRITER

Oak Hill Hospital CEO Keith Adams is the 1993 recipient of the Missouri Hospital Association's top award for excellence.

Adams, a member of Missouri Southern's Board of Regents, received the award Tuesday during the MHA's annual convention at Osage Beach.

Julie Simpson, MHA spokesperson, said the award is the most significant one given by the MHA and represents, among many other attributes, the dedication

shown by the recipient toward health-care issues.

"This award reflects someone who has shown incredible commitment and aptitude in the field of medicine and health care," Simpson said, "and Mr. Adams has definitely shown both of these qualities."

Aside from overseeing Oak Hill Hospital, Adams frequently flies to Washington to discuss important health-care issues plaguing the country with legislators.

"He also finds time in his busy schedule to visit other hospitals in the state to lend a helping hand or to give speeches about the field of pathology," Simpson said. "These are just several of the many different things he does that made him an overwhelming choice for the award."

Another important aspect about the MHA's Distinguished Service Award is that colleagues in the health-care field choose the win-

ner—something that completely surprised Adams.

"To be honest, it brought tears to my eyes," he said. "It's just one of those things that you just don't expect to happen. And I'm honored by your peers is probably the greatest thing that can happen to a guy. I'm extremely honored."

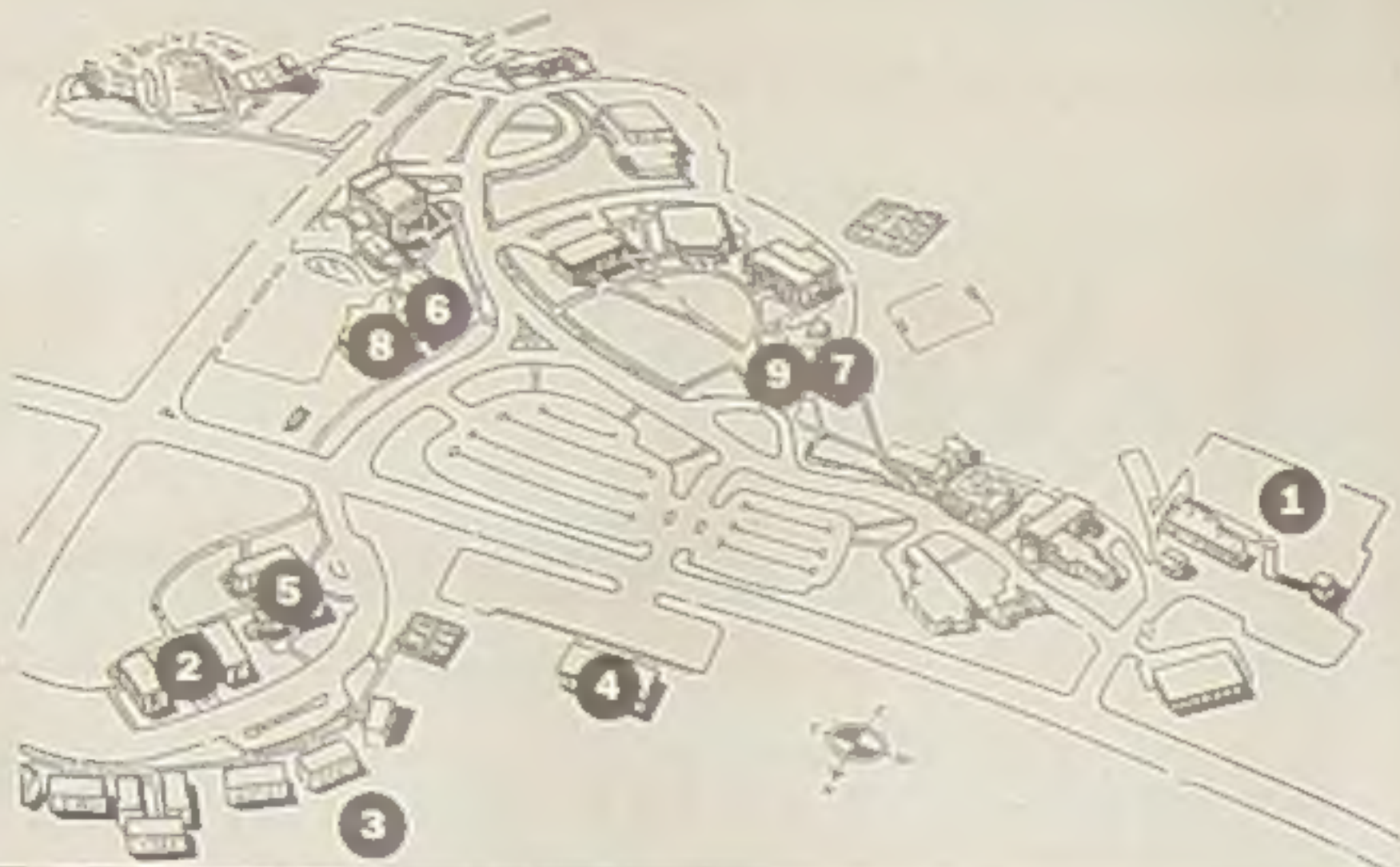
Adams, president of Oak Hill Hospital for 23 years, served as chairman of the Missouri Hospital Association in 1992. He believes his ability to get along with other people helped him attain the success and recognition he is now receiving.

"I've always felt like I'm a good listener and could evaluate things in a very positive manner, and people generally are interested in what you have to say, as well," Adams said.



Adams

CAMPUS SECURITY REPORT



- 1** 10/29/93 WEST LOT 35 3:30 p.m. Staci Couch contacted Security regarding the theft of a hubcap from her 1988 Ford Probe. She said she had parked next to a similar car, which was missing a hubcap. When she returned later, her hubcap was gone, as was the other car. She gave Security the car's license plate, which checked out to a Missouri Southern freshman. The student denied any knowledge of the incident.
- 2** 10/29/93 BLAINE HALL 8:37 p.m. Security and Joplin Police responded to a call regarding a disturbance between Honey Scott and former student Rolanda Gladen. No charges were filed in the incident.
- 3** 10/29/93 RESIDENCE HALLS 9:07 p.m. Officer Craig Richardson witnessed a Chevrolet pickup truck driving behind the apartments near Stegge Hall. He pursued the truck as it traveled east of Gockel Hall and through the circle drive. The truck went back onto the grass through a driveway between Headlee and Dryer Halls. Richardson finally stopped the truck just northeast of the residence halls. The truck was being driven by Matthew J. Hensley. Later, Richardson contacted Deb Gipson, who advised him that S.A. Larry Seneker had seen another Chevrolet truck, belonging to Josh Rogers, behind McCormick and Blaine Halls. Rogers was a passenger in the first vehicle Richardson had stopped.
- 4** 10/30/93 POLICE ACADEMY 1:35 a.m. Officer L.D. Black reported finding a briefcase in the hallway of the Police Academy. Identification inside showed the owner to be Greg Cline of Reeds, Mo.

SOURCE: Campus Security Office

- 5** 10/31/93 MCCORMICK HALL 7:20 p.m. Head Resident Deb Gipson reported a broken window in the north wing of McCormick Hall. She said three male students had been hanging around the entrance of the building. She asked them to leave, and soon after the window was broken. Blaine Hall resident John Dollarhide said he, Brad Sillman, and Nathan Graves had been at McCormick and were asked to leave. While returning to Blaine, Graves hid behind a tree and pushed Sillman into the window, which shattered. Sillman said the three fled because they believed no one would believe the incident was an accident. Graves related the same story. McCormick residents Shannon Walter and Robin Geer were sitting in the window at the time, and Walter sustained cuts in both hands.
- 6** 11/01/93 WEBSTER HALL Midnight Officers L.D. Black and Rod Sly were requested to meet pianist George Winston to allow him to practice in the auditorium. Sly and Black had to disassemble the lock on the piano to gain access to it.
- 7** 11/02/93 BSC 10:00 p.m. Security was called to the third floor of the Billingsly Student Center where Robert Ressler was signing autographs after a lecture. While chatting with the people waiting for autographs, Ressler was asked about incidents in Waco, Texas. His answer didn't pacify the man, Martin Lindstedt, who became argumentative. Officer Everett Howard asked Lindstedt to step into the hall, but he refused. Howard asked for identification, and again Lindstedt refused. Howard then called Joplin Police. Meanwhile, Ressler left and the event ended. Howard followed Lindstedt to his vehicle to ensure no more trouble would occur. Lindstedt asked Howard if he was being stalked by Campus Security. As Howard was exchanging identification with Lindstedt, JPD arrived and Lindstedt became very argumentative with the officers. He was asked to move on, but refused and was arrested for obstruction.
- 8** 11/03/93 WEBSTER HALL 3:30 p.m. Dr. David Tate reported a VCR had been stolen from Room 203. Tate said he had been in the room at about 2 p.m. and noticed the VCR was not in its cabinet. The room is typically used by Dr. Sara Sale to teach a geography class. Gary Compton, the building's custodian, said he hadn't heard or seen anything regarding the VCR. The VCR was a Panasonic model AG-1250 and may have been issued MSSC inventory number #807.
- 9** 11/08/93 BSC 11:00 p.m. Officer Larry Ekhoft contacted Gary Mulkey, assistant professor of mathematics, who reported an unknown female crushing cans on the tile floor in the Billingsly Student Center. Mulkey said on two occasions he had seen students in the BSC giving cans to the female, who would stomp on them and put the cans in her backpack. He said he saw the female next to a trash can, but he could not say that he had ever seen her taking cans from the College's trash receptacles. When her backpack was full, she would leave. He also couldn't say she was soliciting cans from other students, but he was sure she had to be as he saw students bringing cans to her. Mulkey said he reported the incident because he believed it was against it was against some College policy.

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ADMISSIONS

College hires recruiter

By JENNIFER SEXTON
STAFF WRITER

Students in need of social and economical advice will soon have a specialist to turn to.

Tammara Durham, who has a master's degree in communications from Southwest Missouri State University, will start working as an admissions recruiter/vocational technical specialist on Nov. 22.

"I am excited about coming to Missouri Southern," Durham said. "I have done recruiting in the past at SMS in Springfield."

"I fell in love with recruiting students going into higher education. I'm looking forward to giving students the opportunity to go on to higher learning."

Durham will be responsible for recruiting in area high schools and vocational/technical programs.

"She will be recruiting for the vocational and technical parts of our campus all over the four-state area," said Richard Humphrey, director of admissions. "This will include areas in nursing, law enforcement, computer science, drafting and design, and manufacturing."

"She will be geared into helping students in those fields."

The support staff position will be funded through a \$41,450 Perkins Act Grant. A breakdown of expenses includes \$30,000 for Durham's salary and fringe benefits; postage, \$1,500; duplicating and printing, \$1,000; travel (personal improvement), \$800; recruiting travel, \$4,000; equipment, \$2,600; miscellaneous, \$500; telephone, \$900; and dues and memberships, \$150.

The admissions recruiter will also work with minorities and disadvantaged students. She will counsel with students, parents, and faculty concerning the admission of students and assume other responsibilities as directed by Humphrey.

"I think we have needed some assistance in recruiting for some time," Humphrey said.

A WORLD VIEW



T. ROB BROWN/The Chart

Gary Stokes discusses the globalization of the U.S. economy Tuesday.

BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC LECTURE

It's inevitable:

Globalization must happen, Stokes says

By CHAD HAYWORTH
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Gary Stokes says like it or not, American businesses will have to deal with the globalization of the economy.

"Globalization is happening," he said. "American businesses have to decide if they want to be a driver in the process or if they are going to wait for it to come to them."

Stokes, a former vice president with Societe Generale, a Paris-based bank with more than \$200 billion in assets, spoke to a crowd of nearly 50 Tuesday night during the Business and Economic Lecture Series. He said his experiences with American companies while working at Societe Generale's Chicago branch gave him an interesting perspective on the U.S. and its role in the expanding global marketplace.

"There is just no way around globalization," he said. "Regardless of whether you work in Joplin or Chicago or New York, it is something you have to be aware of."

When they begin to expand

globally, many American companies tend to find internationally-based financial institutions to fulfill their needs.

"As a bank, if you don't go over and try to meet your customers' needs, they will find someone there who can," he said. "The thing I've found is that a lot of foreign banks can then point to their U.S. operations and take over a company's domestic banking as well."

Stokes said U.S. companies who do decide to go global have to learn to do research and development of products that will be useful worldwide. However, many companies find technology that is outdated by U.S. standards just right for some emerging countries.

"Sometimes the technology that was outdated 10 or 15 years ago is just what a country like China or Singapore is looking for," he said. "This extends the market life of a lot of products."

Regardless of the fate of the North American Free Trade Agreement, Stokes said much of what is designed to accomplish will happen anyway, albeit in a much less structured manner.

STUDENT SENATE

Music educators get \$1,000

By PAULA SMITH
CAMPUS EDITOR

The Collegiate Music Educators National Conference was allocated \$1,000 by the Student Senate in last night's meeting.

C-MENC will use the money to attend the Missouri Music Educators Association Conference Jan. 27-29 at the Tan-Tar-A Resort in Osage Beach.

"This trip gives us an opportunity to meet with other C-MENC organizations in the state and vote on the state elections," said Lori Matters, senior secondary music education major and treasurer of C-MENC.

"We get to go to different clinics that introduce the new instruments, equipment, and new music that's been published," Matters said.

Paul Hood, senior senator and chair of the diversification committee, said the Senate now has an assistance booth set up at the stairwell in front of the cafeteria in the Billingsly Student Center. A senator will be at the booth from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. every Wednesday to talk to students about any questions, comments, or complaints they have concerning the Senate.

In new business, first reading was given to the Social Science Club's allocation request for \$336.50. The club would use the allocation for a Nov. 11 trip to the Kirkpatrick Center Museum

Complex in Oklahoma City. This request will be voted on next week.

Jennifer Kuncel, junior senator, announced that Koinonia is sponsoring a food drive through Tuesday, Nov. 11. A box is located on the second-floor stairwell

of the BSC for donations. "All the food will be going to the Soul's Harbor (Mission), which serves the homeless right here in Joplin," Kuncel said. "Any canned goods that can be donated will be appreciated."

Amendment surfaces again

Controversy erupted over the by-law involving voting on allocations at the Oct. 27 Student Senate meeting and resurfaced last week.

At the Oct. 27 meeting, questions were raised over what constitutes membership. During a vote on a Psychology Club allocation request, Scott Hettinger, junior senator, asked what constituted membership in order to know if he was eligible to vote on the request.

Darrell King, senior senator, asked: "Have you paid your dues?"

Hettinger said he had not. "Then you're not a member," King said.

The dispute stems from the Senate by-law which reads:

"Any member of Student Senate who is also a member of another campus organization or group shall abstain from voting on allocation requests pertaining to that organization or group to

which the member belongs."

Senate President Cami Davey said from now on, every organization would be required to submit a list of members with its allocation requests.

At last week's meeting, Ramona Austin, junior senator, proposed an amendment to the by-law which reads:

"Any member of Student Senate who is also a member of another campus organization or group shall abstain from voting on resolutions which he or she will benefit from in a monetary way."

Another amendment submitted earlier in the semester failed by a margin of one vote for the necessary two-thirds majority to amend a bylaw.

"Actually, I brought this up not to start trouble, but because the vote was so close last time," Austin said.

The amendment to the by-law failed by one vote once again.

FACULTY SENATE

Book rental policy takes beating

The College's long-standing book rental policy came under scrutiny from the Faculty Senate at its Nov. 1 meeting.

Senators raised questions about the \$25 limit on purchase books, the limit on the number of texts allowed for each course, and the fact that texts can only be updated every three years. Nearly an hour of discussion took place as senators expressed the views passed along to them by their departments.

Annetta St. Clair, associate professor of political science, said having some purchase books is inevitable.

"If we are going to be a moderately selective institution, stu-

dents should expect to be required to purchase some books, particularly in their major," St. Clair said.

Dr. David McConnell, assistant professor of education, said the three-year interval for choosing new textbooks worried his constituents.

"We are concerned about the way the knowledge base is expanding," McConnell said. "I wonder if every two years isn't too long to wait to change textbooks."

St. Clair said, "By keeping a book for three years—elections happen every two years—we wind up out of sync. Government changes very quickly and sometimes very dramatically."

Other senators said the \$25 limit on purchase texts was too low to cover the costs of most books.

Dr. Ray Malzahn, interim vice president for academic affairs, said exceptions to the rules existed but were relatively few. Of 1,029 line numbers on the fall schedule, only 55 had two or more rental text books, and only 24 had purchase books costing more than \$25.

"I did not disapprove any requests for more than one rental text or purchase books over \$25," Malzahn said. "There is always a balance between academic quality—having the latest texts, and what the students can afford."

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OUR EDITORIALS

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Be careful: Despite popular perception, violence is on the upswing

Before you go to bed tonight, don't forget to look for monsters.

Unfortunately, the "monsters" aren't just mythical creatures that lurk under the bed or in the closet. They roam the streets of every city and town in America, including Joplin.

While many folks in this part of the world think they have little to fear, the statistics simply don't bear that out.

Consider this reality check for Joplin residents:

Eighteen murders in the last 10 months, including six from January to July. One hundred seventy-three assaults in that same seven-month period, an increase of nearly 40 percent from the same time frame in 1992. Rape is up. Ditto auto theft and burglary.

It's a wonder we don't all bury our heads under the pillow and refuse to get out of bed in the

morning.

College students, despite the best efforts of many a security and safety officer, often go where angels fear to tread. Robert Ressler, who for years studied the patterns and minds of America's most celebrated serial killers, says colleges and universities are simply "candy stores" for that element of society wanting to young people harm.

So what is the solution? No one knows for certain.

But taking some basic safety considerations and being aware of one's surroundings at all times is a start. While bad people do terrible things to innocent citizens each and every day, if those potential victims would have been only a little more careful or observant they might be alive today.

The cruel world is just on the other side of the front door, and whether you live in New York City or Webb City, you take a chance every time you open it.

YOUR LETTERS

The Chart welcomes letters from readers. Letters must be signed and should include a phone number for verification purposes. Letters should be 300 words or fewer. Submit letters to The Chart office on the third floor of Webster Hall or fax them to (417) 625-9742 by noon Monday for publication in that week's edition.

Despite his faults, Rush Limbaugh is humorous

Rush Limbaugh has faults. Among them are: 1. Self-adulation/adoration; 2. Unkindness (e.g. to Katy Couric, Sec. of Labor ReichhhhhA, The President's daughter, and the Sec. of State); 3. Occasional base "humor."

BUT...there's an old saw, "A good friend knows your faults and doesn't

give a damn." I give a damn so I'm just a friend.

ANYWAY 1. Self-adulation is meant to be humorous and to convince advertisers who, after all, pay the bills. 2. Unkindnesses are not meant to be mean. 3. Base "humor" is meant to be humorous and evidence that Rush is not stuffy.

BUT...the import of most of Limbaugh's serious commentary is such that we should overlook those staticy things that may put us off in order to hear the substance. Ms. Ivins' commentary has a basis in fact BUT is totally superficial.

J.M. Cragin
Joplin

Libertarians hope to form College chapter

Members of the Missouri Libertarian Party will be at the Lions' Den at Billingsly Student Center Nov. 17 and 18 between noon and 4 p.m. for the purpose of forming a campus chapter to be called The MSSC Libertarians. We will need 20 signatures of full-time students to become a College-recognized organization. After which, these students will be expected to keep their organization running on its own, with minimal help from the state organization.

The Libertarian Party was founded in 1971 and now is the third largest political party in the United States.

In 1992 we ran candidates at state and federal levels in all 50 states. We are not supporters of Ross Perot. Our goal is to shrink the size and power of big government back to Constitutionally-mandated levels. We feel that both the Republicans and Democrats have been running the country—right into the ground—for long enough. It is time to get back to the basics of good government. A huge, corrupt government cannot be trusted to deliver justice and prosperity to all.

If this organization gets off the ground, the Missouri Libertarian Party will be interested in talking to juniors

and seniors of this organization. We need uncorrupted young people who don't have political baggage to run for local office. We need young men and women willing to go from door-to-door, talking and listening to the concerns of the voiceless people who wish to jump off from the current system. We must turn the hearts of the rulers back to those who are ruled, and to a lesser extent, vice-versa. For the harvest is bountiful, but the harvesters are few.

Martin Lindstedt
Granby, MO

College is becoming an educational McDonald's

Exciting news—despite early EChart skepticism—Southern is searching for an academic vice president. Southern can find a person who values academics, will raise its standards, and encourage tradition and missions.

Other news dampens such enthusiasm. The legislature accepted a program which "improved" credit-increment and high school taught AP. Under the law (Section 167.233 RSMo Supp. 1990), high schoolers who meet conditions, may take a course which counts both for high school and college credit. High school

or college instructors may teach it. MSSC has entered the new era with vigor.

This process speeds students through higher education as a means to graduate in three years. The efficiency of the fast food industry has invaded college standards. Besides, it will save taxpayer money.

Those who approved it must believe that there is little difference between college atmosphere and that of a high school; that there is little importance in the makeup of college faculties or in the variety of people attending. The college library fades as a resource.

A microchip can define college experience and fiberoptics can deliver a faculty body anywhere to Southwest Missouri or to ships at sea. It's a miracle. It's "Star Trek." I saw it on TV.

You may wonder if a letter can start by mentioning a search for a VP, digress to a newly enacted statute, and be connected. For those who heard President Leon welcome instructors for the new year, we remind you that he mentioned "entrepreneurial" enough to emphasize its magic quality for our institu-

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EDITOR'S COLUMN

A tale of 2 fights Holyfield, Gore came out champions

Did anyone catch the fight the other night?

What a tremendous battle, two combatants going back and forth pounding each other from the start. The only thing missing was a parachutist flying in and landing on Larry King's back?

Yes, of course I'm talking about the Ross Perot-Al Gore fight over the North American Free



By Jeffrey Slatton
Associate Editor

Trade Agreement. I think this fight was as good as the Riddick Bowe-Evander Holyfield fight on Saturday. That fight was, of course, marred by the parachutist who missed the ring and landed in the ropes before Bowe's handlers beat the crap out of him.

I think Tuesday's debate should have just been a boxing match. Instead of charts and graphs, Gore and Perot should have strapped on the boxing gloves and went toe-to-toe for two hours.

That would have at least given King something to do. After all, he just sat there trying to shut Perot up long enough to take a commercial break.

In the debate itself, Gore landed punch after punch on Perot's noggin. Perot responded by barking back and crying to King about whose turn it was to speak and whether he was getting equal time. Perot spent most of his time complaining that Gore and King were interrupting him when he was trying to speak. That's because everything Perot said was long, drawn out, and full of rash statements that did not add up.

The problem with Perot and all of you card-carrying members of his organization is that you can certainly point out all the negatives in any issue. Many times, you are even right. But when asked for solutions, you don't have any.

In the Holyfield-Bowe fight, one fighter came in out of shape, while the other

was in prime condition. The two battled 12 rounds, and the out-of-shape fighter lost.

In the Gore-Perot debate, one competi-

tor came in prepared and with all his ducks in a row. The other schmoozed around Capitol Hill all day preparing one liners for the night's show.

The problem was that King didn't laugh at Perot's jokes and Gore made him look foolish for even using them.

Therefore, I give the overwhelming decision to Gore.

As for NAFTA, make up your own mind. Don't just listen to Perot, who is a walking contradiction. Look at the different facts surrounding the issue and make the choice that is right for you.

Myself, I would vote for NAFTA, as the benefits far outweigh the disadvantages.

In fact, I sorta wish Holyfield and Bowe had fought in Mexico. That would have been cool.

I hope now that Holyfield is champion, he will give Britain's Lennox Lewis a shot at the title. That might even be a more entertaining fight than part III.

It is all inconsequential though because the greatest ever will soon get out of prison and reclaim the title.

FREE MIKE!

IN PERSPECTIVE

More than classes Education requires more than just books

"You can attend classes and get a degree or you can become involved and receive an education."

When I first heard that said 20 years ago, it had a profound impact on me and the way I

approached my responsibilities of advising, counseling, and providing services to college students.

Those words neatly summarized something I had always known; the involvements students pursue outside of the classroom have a significant impact on their educational development. In fact, those involvements are considered such an important part of the learning process that they have led to the acceptance of the term co-curricular as a description for what many would call extracurricular activities. The implication is that for students to gain the most from their college experience, they should be taking advantage of all the opportunities available on campus.

Even though our campus is more commuter than residential, the opportunities here at Southern are plentiful. Last month, for example, there were more than 225 scheduled events! Think about that fact the next time somebody tries to tell you that there is

nothing to do on our campus! These events included music concerts, art exhibits, football games, cross country meets, volleyball matches, soccer games, intramurals, tournaments, ethnic cultural programs, lectures, meetings, dances, receptions, campus

movies, Greek philanthropies, baseball team community projects, a reunion for women athletes, theatrical productions,

trips to a pro hockey game and other places of interest, alcohol and drug education programs, a career fair, symposiums, seminars, recitals, colloquiums, a talent show, an all-campus picnic, a bike-a-thon, fund-raisers, hot air balloon rides, satellite broadcasts, a residence hall-sponsored safe Halloween party for Joplin area children, and Dennis Weaver's appearance for Homecoming Whew.

In addition to offering students a release from the pressure of academics, these activities often provide the opportunity to meet other people, learn different subjects, explore new horizons, and develop various skills.

Alexander Astin, a noted researcher, as well as others, have stressed the importance of student activities, and

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THE CHART

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"Don't judge a man by his opinions, but by what his opinions have made him."

—G.C. Lichtenberg

FOCUS ON LATIN AMERICA

Two sides of the NAFTA debate

By RODOLFO SCHWEIZER
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF
COMMUNICATIONS

No doubt one of the most important points in discussion today is the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) with Mexico and Canada. The current commercial trade with Mexico is around \$60 billion a year, and the possibility of increasing it is very important if the agreement is approved. Allow me to present to you two opinions about it.



Schweizer

Carlos Fuentes, a well-known writer from Mexico, speaking a few weeks ago before the European Community, said that there is no reason for not approving the agreement because the forthcoming increase of trade between the U.S. and Mexico will go ahead anyway with or without agreement. Fuentes mentioned that

Mexico is the most important western client of the U.S., and that last year Latin America represented a 11% percent increase for U.S. exports, while the rest of the world barely represented a 3 percent increase.

Besides, he said, taking into account the coming into existence of economic groups like that of Southeast Asia around Japan and the European Community itself, it would not be wise for the U.S. not to approve an agreement including not only Mexico, but also the rest of Latin America in the near future. He gave examples:

Chile, after signing a trade agreement with Mexico, increased its exports 80 percent; in the area of Mercosur (Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay, Uruguay) the increase in trade amount to 40 percent. The importance of current trade is so important to Mexico that every 70 cents out of one dollar produced over there comes to the U.S. Moreover, the importance of the agreement is necessary and vital for the region; in order to overcome poverty through economic development,

open business is the only possibility. He maintained that the agreement will not affect jobs in the U.S.; on the contrary, the agreement will make possible to create more jobs on both sides of the border.

On the Voice of America radio station a different opinion was broadcast. Christopher William, a Wall Street economist, aired his opposition, saying that he opposed the agreement for many reasons, among them the fact that the Mexican economy is controlled by "cartels," who also control the government and the whole political system, which he defined as authoritarian. He mentioned that it should not be overlooked that sometimes the Mexican government has come under criticism by the UN, and that its history is a history of political repression where the poor do not have a voice at all. Besides, he pointed out to the international denunciation of irregularities in elections. He conceded, however, that in the last three years there has been an improvement in order to change the image of the country.

In this new era of increasing international relations Fuentes' opinion seems wise. Days before he spoke in Europe, president Salinas de Gortary visited Holland, where he showed interest in new technologies. A few days ago he also met the "Grupo de Rio" in Sgo. de Chile, attended by all Latin American presidents. The message from that meeting comes directly to the U.S.: Latin America needs the U.S. to define a long-term policy on economical matters. But, Mr. William also is right. Those who invest in Mexico must be aware that Latin America is not the U.S., and that a cultural gap exists in the concept of business.

So far, the only possibility seems to be to require an open commitment from Mexico to improve not only its economy in order to have a real clean free market economy, but also a clean democracy, and to improve other aleatory areas such as that of the environment and social care. To overlook this may imply an unnecessary risk with international and domestic consequences.

Projected economic impact of NAFTA

The U.S. International Trade Commission has made these predictions on the impact of the proposed North American Free Trade Agreement on key segments of the national economy:



Computers and electronics: Employment in the U.S. industry is not expected to change appreciably, although some employers of U.S. operators, fabricators and laborers may shift to Mexico. At the same time, employment of professionals, engineers and precision workers may increase in the United States.



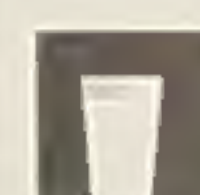
Machine tools: For this industry, located mainly in the Midwest, New England, California and North Carolina, the agreement would be likely to increase exports to Mexico by 9 percent short term and 11 percent long term, with an employment increase of less than 1 percent. Little or no increase is expected in investment by U.S. machine tool builders in Mexico, which lacks a sufficiently large domestic market to justify establishing production there.



Grain and oil seeds: The expected increase in U.S. production and employment is likely to benefit the Midwest states where corn and soybeans are grown. It also likely would increase U.S. investment in Mexican processing plants. A short term gain of less than 1 percent would be expected in farm jobs.



Sugar: The sugar beet industry, located in Minnesota and some other states, is considered less vulnerable to imports because of the location and cost of production.



Dairy: U.S. dairy farmers likely will sell more as Mexico continues to produce less than it needs. But there would be little or no effect on production and employment because U.S. dairy farmers already produce more than the market needs. Thirty-two percent of U.S. butter, 2 percent of cheddar and 14 percent of nonfat dry milk are removed from the market under federal price support programs.

SOURCE: U.S. International Trade Commission

GLOBAL VIEWS

Life in Diamond provides Oxford graduate cultural experiences

I remember sitting at home about four months ago watching the rain pour down on a cold and dreary English July day, trying to imagine what I would be doing in a month's time when I arrived in Joplin, Mo.

It was over a year since Dr. James Jackson, of MSSC, had given me the opportunity to spend some time here as an exchange visitor. In all that time I never dared dream that the experience would be as fulfilling, or as much fun, as it has so far been.

Having graduated in June from Oxford University with a degree in botany, my work here has really put the knowledge I gained to good use. I've been act-

ing as part of the resource management team at George Washington Carver National Monument, monitoring the vege-



By Louise Wilson
ICI Scholar

AGE: 23
BACKGROUND: Wilson, a graduate of Oxford University is working at George Washington Carver National Monument.

tation there as part of a long-term management plan to restore the prairie. ICI Explosives, of Joplin, who has been endorsing this exchange program since it began about three years ago, kindly paid for my flight to Joplin, and the park

where I work provided me with rent-free accommodation, so overall I've been given a pretty good deal.

Since I stepped off the plane on Aug. 14 into the kind of steamy heat that a lot of British pay good money to sit in a sauna for, my life has been a hectic combination of work, socializing, and cultural surprises. The most noteworthy example of the latter category was being handed the keys to a 1963 Chevrolet pick-up truck. Within three hours of arriving in this foreign land, I found myself driving it, on the wrong side of the road, not entirely sure I was in control. Since then, despite a few mishaps (like breaking down

while straddled across two lanes at Seventh and Range Line), this truck has become part of my daily existence, and makes me feel less like a foreigner when driving through Diamond.

The other culture shock I experienced was the language barrier, something which made me realize that there are at least two forms of English spoken in this world. After many hours of confusion while shopping in Smitty's, I have finally fathomed that an egg plant is an undergarment, and I now know that, when offered "Biscuits and Gravy," I am not going to be fed a plate full of chocolate-chip cookies covered in beef extracts.

The wildlife in Missouri, especially of the creepy-crawly kind, has been an education to me in the last couple in months. Never before have I experienced such

an assortment of ecto-parasites. My first night at my apartment in the park will forever be memorable to me, especially when I see the scars on my feet. There was a very beautiful sunset at the back of the apartment, so I sat outside with my feet stretched out in the grass, admiring the golden glow across the prairie and breathing in the warm evening air.

At 3 a.m. that night I woke up, convinced that someone had crept into the apartment and set fire to both of my feet while I slept. They were covered in red, itchy lumps, which I later discovered were the result of chiggers; they had obviously had some kind of banquet on my feet, and seemed to have enjoyed the taste of English blood.

In addition to disturbances of the itchy kind, many a restless

night has been spent trying to drown out the noise of a population of crickets. For weeks now, my apartment has been housing the cricket world's equivalent to a male voice choir. They usually choose the bathroom as the place to burst into harmonious song, it having the best acoustics, and, of course, they always wait until I am just dropping off to sleep before they give their most rousing renditions.

Not only has my stay here introduced me to a new way of life and helped me on my way to reaching my career goals, it has also given me the chance to spend time with some wonderful people. When I leave, I know I will take home with me some very fond memories of the friends I've made and the experiences I have enjoyed.

NEWS OF THE WEIRD

Japanese scientists excrete new sewage sausage in Tokyo

The Environmental Assessment Center in Okayama, Japan, announced in October that it had manufactured an experimental sausage out of recycled Tokyo sewage by adding soybean protein and steak flavoring to "sewage solids." A company spokesman said, "It's sewage isn't really such a dangerous dirty thing." However, he did not foresee commercially marketing the sausage: "Sewage does have a slight image problem. I don't think people will be content eating something they know has been excreted by humans."

INEXPLICABLE

In October, Mohammed Jafari was shot point-blank between the eyes with a .22-caliber pistol during a convenience store holdup in Memphis, Tenn., but the bullet failed to penetrate his skull. Jafari was back at work the next day, with only a nine-stitch wound. Said Jafari, "I have a hard head."

The Washington Post reported in August that there are 3,000 pet therapists in the U.S., including 50 fully certi-

fied as animal behaviorists, and that they charge fees ranging from \$150 to \$400 for three-hour sessions. Said one pet therapist, "There's a reason for everything (animals) do." Said a skeptical veterinarian, "The pets aren't crazy. The humans are crazy."

After he crashed his stolen car in September, Mark David Warner, 29, hopped on a 13-ton front-end loader at a construction site and led eight police cars in a 40-minute, 15 mph "chase" down a highway near Orlando, Fla., International Airport. Warner, just five days out of prison at the time, was charged with attempted murder for ramming one occupied police car. Said a security guard on the scene, "No one in his right mind would do those kinds of things."

In August, delegates to the National convention of the Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ of the Apostolic Faith in Charleston, W.Va., celebrated by wearing stylish bats, as socialites do at events such as the Kentucky Derby. Said one delegate, "We glorify God when

we wear hats." Many delegates brought hat wardrobes with them, and 14 hat vendors set up booths at the convention.

Although no law forces them open on Sundays, the 285 members of the Arkansas Automobile Dealers Association voted 285-0 in March to recommend that the Legislature require them to be closed on Sundays.

In March, the Department of Health and Human Services announced a crackdown on universities that had billed HHS in the past for expenses that were not related to any research grants they had received from the agency. HHS revealed that the biggest offender was the University of Wisconsin at Madison, whose chief executive officer for the previous several years was Donna Shalala, now Secretary of HHS.

In June, Stuart Bowyer, a University of California astronomer in charge of a year-old project that has monitored 30 trillion radio signals from outer space, said that so far, 164 of those signals are "unex-

plained." However, he said it was "very unlikely" that any of them came from extra-terrestrials.

Earlier this year, at least 2,000 cases of teen-age girls fainting were reported around Cairo, Egypt. Authorities checked the environment repeatedly for such hazards as chemical warfare agents, radon gas, and allergens in school building material, but most health authorities now believe the girls fainted after having delusions.

In September, Army Corps of Engineers employee Thomas Iracki, 36, leaped to his death in downtown San Francisco after telling several colleagues that he had become despondent about the Clinton administration's "reinventing government" budget cuts to his agency.

Matthew Noble Palmer, 48, pleaded no contest to burglary counts in Alamogordo, N.M., in July, ending a rash of break-ins of isolated mountain homes. Several of Palmer's victims reported that guns had been taken from their homes, thoroughly cleaned, and

returned during later break-ins.

THE WEIRDO-AMERICAN COMMUNITY

High school soccer coach Jesus Valencia Gomez, 45, was arrested in Whittier, Calif., in September and charged with practicing medicine without a license. According to sheriff's deputies, Gomez told a 24-year-old woman she had cancerous tumors on her head and neck and would need surgery. Allegedly, Gomez anesthetized her, shaved her head, and bandaged her in a motel room, and the woman notified authorities only several days later, when she discovered that she had no scar under the bandages. In Gomez's apartment were medical and dental supplies and two types of business cards, one identifying Gomez as a doctor and the other as a dentist.

LEAST COMPETENT PEOPLE

A lawsuit was filed in June in Morristown, Tenn., against Dr. Crampton Helms and the Morristown-Hamblen Hospital,

for negligence. Last year, three months after an operation on an elderly woman, a nurse treating her identified a "foreign object" protruding from the woman's surgical scar, which had been irritating her ever since the operation. According to the lawsuit, the object was the tip of Helm's surgical glove, which was still inside the patient and which hospital staff had not noticed in three follow-up hospitalizations.

I DON'T THINK SO

Terry Allen, 34, was convicted of attempted burglary in San Antonio, Texas, in October, after having been caught red-handed by police as he was removing burglar bars from the window of a beauty salon. He told the judge he was guilty of simple theft but not of the more serious crime of attempted burglary because he was not trying to break into the beauty salon; he was merely trying to steal the burglar bars to take home to put on his own windows to protect himself from burglars.

(Send your Weird News to Chuck Shepherd, P.O. Box 8306, St. Petersburg, Fla. 33738.)

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tion. Add to that the administrative failure to tell faculty or its committees of new understandings between area superintendents and MSSC for initiating "Sect. 677..." and we must conclude that academic standards rank on a par with competition for students.

With all due respect to teachers at the high school level, transferring information and passing tests will not complete the academic experience of being on a college campus. But if this is the case, searching nationally for someone sensitive

to academic values is a waste of time.

Instead let the search committee comb our roster to find someone who understands this menu for entrepreneurial impulse.

There's our future leader. Such a recommendation will not disappoint the Board of Regents. Let us become the McDonald's of education; let us utilize the arch at Webster Hall to frame our motto: "We do it all for you." Ronald can introduce students to the idea that we are partners.

Student-consumers pay tuition for graduation (using our multi-system for accumulating hours) in trade for a sheepskin. We will omit purchase books for quickie pupils and athletes.

The bottom line for all this depends not on whether this is an academic-entrepreneurial undertaking or an entrepreneurial-academic undertaking because, if "undertaking" is the key word, this is "killing us softly"—with thanks to Roberta Flack.

Robert Markman
MSSC-NEA

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have suggested that involvement outside the classroom increases a student's ability to persist and magnifies the experience of college including his/her personality, behavior, career progress, and satisfaction. The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching stresses that students are more likely to feel "connected" to a campus if they are involved in clubs, organizations, and athletic teams, etc. In addition, students should be made aware that their involvement in activities is often designed to help

prepare them for life after college. Ernest Boyer, another noted educator, has emphasized in his writings that college administrators can no longer afford to look at programs outside the classroom as niceties that can be cut or reduced when budgets are limited.

Co-curricular activities are an essential element of campus life, the benefit of both the student and the college. Students participating in activities outside the classroom are less likely to drop out of college, generally receive higher grades, obtain

better jobs after graduation.

Many refer to their years in college as the best years of their lives. I disagree with that because I think the next year of anyone's life will always be the best. However, I do believe that the time spent in college represents the years with the most opportunities a person will ever have in life. Don't shortchange yourself as a student. What you do with those opportunities, through your involvement in co-curricular activities in Missouri Southern, will help shape the rest of your life.

CAMPUS
EVENTS
CALENDAR

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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Today 11

Veterans Day
9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and
tomorrow—Sigma Pi fund
raiser, "Win a date," out-
side ESC cafeteria
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.—Koinonia
lunch, basement of
Stegge Hall (Apt. 8)
Noon to 1 p.m.—Honors
and School of Business
Lunch, BSC 306
Noon to 1 p.m.—LDSSA,
BSC 313.

Tomorrow 12

2 p.m.—Open forum
about the North American
Free Trade Agreement,
U.S. Rep. Mel Hancock (R-
Mo.) may attend, Webster
Auditorium

Saturday 13

All day—Academic
Challenge, Webster Hall
10 a.m. to 3 p.m.—Punt,
Pass, Kick, Hughes
Stadium

Sunday 14

7 p.m.—Wesley
Foundation presents
"Sunday Nite Live,"
Newman Road United
Methodist Church

Monday 15

3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.—Phi
Eta Sigma, BSC 31
3 p.m. to 4 p.m.—Faculty
Senate, BSC 313
4 p.m. to 5 p.m.—Greek
Council, BSC 314
4 p.m. to 7 p.m.—Sigma
Nu, BSC 313
7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.—
CAB Movie, "Distinguished
Gentleman," BSC 2nd floor
lounge
7 p.m.—ECM free pizza
and Christmas ornament
making, Blaine (North) Hall

Tuesday 16

7 a.m. to 10 a.m. and
tomorrow—Health Fair '93,
Sponsored by Missouri
Southern Wellness pro-
gram, Free to all faculty
and staff, Conner Ballroom
of BSC
Noon to 1 p.m.—LDSSA,
BSC 310
Noon to 1 p.m.—Newman
Club, BSC 306
Noon to 1 p.m.—College
Republicans, BSC 311
5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.—
Omicron Delta Kappa, BSC
306
6 p.m. to 8 p.m.—Phi
Delta Kappa dinner, BSC
310
7 p.m.—Koinonia, College
Heights Christian Church
7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.—
CAB Movie, "Distinguished
Gentleman," BSC 2nd floor
lounge

Wednesday 17

8 a.m. to 5 p.m.—Student
Senate help booth, BSC
stairwell
Noon to 1 p.m.—Baptist
Students, BSC 311
Noon to 4 p.m.—
Libertarian Party
Recruiting, Lions' Den
3 p.m. to 5 p.m.—CAB,
BSC 310
4 p.m. to 6 p.m.—CAB
movie committee, BSC 311

Anyone who had
their picture taken
riding the hot air
balloon during
Homecoming may
pick up the picture
at the Student
Center Office.

IN HIS SIGHTS



T. Rob Brown/The Chart

Many people, like this man, use the firing range at the Police Academy. A new policy put in effect this semester opened the range for use to any student or faculty who has completed a gun safety seminar.

INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP FAMILIES

Program provides support

By PAULA SMITH
CAMPUS EDITOR

Missouri Southern's emphasis on international studies has brought some students here from all over the world.

These students are thousands of miles away from their families and friends.

International Friendship Families was started by Vivian Leon so "international students could have a family away from home," she said.

Judy Bastian, assistant to the vice president for academic affairs, is now in charge of the program.

"Expanding horizons in both directions" is another purpose of the program, Bastian said.

"It's a great program, and I'd like to see more programs like it," said Dr. James Jackson, professor of biology.

He was paired with Atsuko

Ohira, senior management major, last semester. She is from Japan.

"I'm somebody she can go to," Jackson said.

He cited an interest in Japan and the international emphasis at Southern as the reasons he became involved in the program.

"I am enthusiastic about the international program here at Southern," Jackson said.

Ohira taught him and his wife, Brenda, to make crab rangoon. She also gave them a "unique perspective" about Japan, Jackson said.

Dr. Thomas Simpson, assistant professor of political science, became involved in the program at Bastian's request. He was paired with Rhonda Cooper, a junior secondary physical education major from New Zealand.

"I would like to know that if my child was far away from

home, that someone opened their home to them," Simpson said.

"I think it's good to have a family where you feel a part," Cooper said.

Simpson said it was beneficial for his children to meet someone "from the other side of the world." The first time Cooper came over to his house, Simpson said, his children studied about New Zealand before she came and discussed it with her.

"They teach you things, and I teach them," Cooper said.

"She's part of the family now," Simpson said, referring to Cooper.

Leon and Bastian both said that International Friendship Families is not just for international students.

"We certainly would like to do everything we can for anyone far away from home," Leon said.

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While his numbers were not as large, Dr. Stephen Spector, English department head, said the event went well.

"I thought that it went about as well as you expected it," Spector said. "I think that with this kind of event you have to refine it."

"I think this probably was a good idea to start off this way. People who came in were able to see everything that happens at

Missouri Southern."

Dr. David Tate, social science department head, said he had seven students stop by his display.

"I thought it was successful," Tate said. "I talked to a number of students about various parts of the social science department."

"I wasn't disappointed. I feel it was positive because they found out things about Missouri Southern that they didn't know."

CAB LECTURE

'Monster' fighter warns students

Criminologist
interviews
Bundy, Dahmer

By JOHN HACKER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Children sometimes dream of three-eyed monsters in their closets or under their beds. Robert Ressler has seen and talked to real monsters.

Ressler, a 16-year veteran of the FBI and author of the book *Whoever Fights Monsters*, spoke to approximately 400 people Nov. 2 in the Billingsly Student Center about his interviews with some of

"Colleges are not a utopian environment where violence stops," he said. "Many [killers] are attracted to campuses because they see students as young, attractive, and vibrant people. For them it's like walking into a candy store."

Ressler said many victims place themselves in situations where they are vulnerable to those who prey on them.

"Most victims are victims because of their own participation," he said. "Dahmer met everyone of his victims in bars."

Ressler blamed some of the emergence of these types of killers on the motion picture industry.

"In the 1950s, if you wanted to be scared, you went and saw *Frankenstein*, the mummy, the

Colleges are not a utopian environment where violence stops. Many [killers] are attracted to campuses because they see students as young, attractive, and vibrant people. For them it's like walking into a candy store.

—Robert Ressler

the most infamous serial killers of this century.

He is credited with coining the term "serial killer."

Those he has interviewed include Ted Bundy, John Wayne Gacy, Jeffrey Dahmer, John Hinkley, Bob Berdella, David Berkowitz, Charles Manson, and others.

"I've interviewed over 100 people who have killed more than 1,000 people," Ressler said.

"You couldn't tell one was any different from anybody else. I sat across a table from Jeffrey Dahmer for nine hours, and he was just the most polite, nice guy you would ever want to meet. In a dorm or on campus you would not recognize him."

College campuses were a primary target for many of these killers, Ressler said.

wolfman, or vampires," he said.

"In 1962, the movie *Psycho* changed all the rules. Now, the killer was not a fictional or a supernatural character—he's just the guy down the street who runs the local hotel."

Ressler said there were probably 5,000 to 6,000 unsolved murders per year in the 1980s. Approximately 10-15 percent of these might be attributed to serial killers.

He said serial and multiple killers are usually bright, articulate people—indistinguishable from ordinary people.

"You cannot look at these people and hope to tell that they are dangerous," Ressler said. "Violence in movies is a contributing factor. A person may be ready to do something when they see something that pushes them over the edge."

???? CAMPUS QUERIES ????

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Dedication: key to success

Hong Kong native makes plans for uncertain future

By KAYLEA HUTSON
MANAGING EDITOR

Music has been part of her life since she was 9, and now it will take on a new dimension.

Gigi Pang, senior music performance major, has decided to pursue a career in church-related music.

"I think God gave me the gift to play the piano," Pang said. "God gave me so much, all I can do is try and give him something back."

Following her December graduation from Missouri Southern, Pang plans to attend the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas.

Pang, a 28-year-old native of Hong Kong, came to Southern two years ago.

"Vivian Leon [director of the Missouri Southern International Piano Competition] is from Hong Kong, and I know a pastor who knew her," Pang said. "I think they went to school together in Texas. He recommended the school to me."

"I wanted a middle-size college because I didn't want to compete with others; I just wanted to learn. In a smaller college you get more attention."

Prior to coming to Southern, Pang taught music in an elementary school for four years.

"I really love to play the piano," she said. "I got a degree in music performance even though I'm not the type of person who likes to perform."

"But it is the only way I can force myself to play better."

Pang practices from two to three hours each day.

"Actually, I could practice more, but I am not that hard working since I have classes and other things," she said. "There are very few times that I feel like 'Oh, I did that perfect.'"

Pang said her instructors have been "wonderful."

"I am really blessed, because good teachers can help you a lot," she said. "I have been lucky to have good teachers so I can explore my gift."

She said Dr. Mark Clinton, artist in residence, has been particularly helpful.



T. ROB BROWN/The Chart

Gigi Pang, senior music performance major, is planning to pursue a master's degree in church music at the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas, following her December graduation.

"He is one of the nicest guys I've met," Pang said. "He never gets mad; he is so nice and patient."

"He is a good pianist, but at the same time he can understand why you can not play a certain passage."

"He tries everything he can to help you."

Clinton said Pang is "extremely talented."

"She is a pleasure to teach," Clinton said. "She is an extremely hard worker—I wish I had an entire studio of Gigi's."

He credits her success to dedicated practicing.

Pang said her father, Ping

Kwan Pang, has been extremely supportive.

"My father is a very nice man. He let me choose what I wanted to study," she said. "For most people, music is not a money-making field, but my father let me do it anyway. He is just wonderful."

Prior to attending Southern, Pang had planned to attend a university in Hong Kong to study the Chinese language.

"Before I started at the College, I decided to emphasize in piano, where before it was just for pleasure," Pang said. "When I play at church, it helps me decide that this is what God wants me

to do.

"So there is a reason I didn't end up studying the Chinese language. It is all God's plan."

Pang plays the piano for the Christ Community United Methodist Church in Joplin.

She is unsure about her future plans, as Hong Kong faces reunification with China.

"I don't know where I will be next," she said. "If I don't find a job [in the United States], then I'll go back."

"I don't mind going back because of my belief—I am a Christian. I believe that wherever I am, God will be with me. I'm not afraid of this."

DEBATE

Morris: 'teams are working together'

Squad remains optimistic for final tournament

By HONEY SCOTT
STAFF WRITER

Both junior varsity teams made it to the quarterfinal round at last weekend's University of Missouri at St. Louis tournament.

"This was a great weekend," said Eric Morris, forensics coach. "My teams are working together better than they have been."

The team of Eric Dicharry, junior economics and finance major; and Shelley Newton, junior accounting major; and the team of Jason Newton, junior communications major; and Jennifer Hurn, freshman undecided major; both broke in the octofinal and went on to the quarterfinal round.

"Eric and Shelley took down the team that everyone was scared of in the first out round," Morris said.

"I was excited that we finally broke in a tournament," Shelley Newton said. "Getting to quarterfinals was an interesting and exciting experience. This week we'll do better at UCO [University of Central Oklahoma]."

The two Missouri Southern teams tied for fourth place out of 38 teams. Dicharry took third place overall in the junior varsity division.

"It's about time we begin to show our potential as a victorious team," Dicharry said. "Our cooperation as a team was significantly demonstrated by this weekend's results."

"I imagine this weekend at

UCO as a more competitive tournament with a judging pool that will confirm the potential as a team and squad."

Gary Crites, a freshman pre-law/political science major, competed in the Lincoln-Douglas division.

"I was disappointed in the quality of the of the judging pool," Crites said. "I lost rounds I really felt I should have won."

Kim Lawry, sophomore history major; and John YBarra, freshman undecided major; competed in the novice division for the first time last weekend.

"Kim and John sounded real good for their first weekend out," Morris said.

Morris is optimistic about the semester's final tournament this weekend at the University of Central Oklahoma.

"UCO is a high-quality tournament, but not as big as UMSL," he said. "You get more of the top teams that are outside the Midwest, but the weaker schools stay home."

The same Southern teams will compete at this weekend's tournament in addition to the open team of Ken DeLaughter, senior communications major; and Paul Hood, senior English major.

"Paul and I's season has been a roller coaster," DeLaughter said. "We hope to end it going on an upward trend. I'm looking forward to next semester."

Lawry and Curt Gilstrap, junior marketing major; will compete in the individual events division of the tournament. Gilstrap will perform a duet with Lawry, plus compete in after-dinner speaking and prose. Gilstrap had previously taken five events, but has cut down to three.

ENTERTAINMENT

Comedy pays off for graduate

By WILLIAM GRUBBS
CHART REPORTER

Being funny is the way of life for stand-up comedienne Marian Kelly.

Kelly, a 1982 Missouri Southern graduate and a native of Seneca, has started fulfilling her dream of someday hitting it big. She appeared Monday night on the Arts and Entertainment (A&E) network's "An Evening at the Improv."

Eight years ago, Kelly began her comedy act at a club in Springfield, but being a comic began in her early days of school.



Kelly

"I had a reputation for being funny," she said, "but I didn't think of myself as being a comic."

"I did pride myself on being something of a wit. If I didn't have anything funny to say, I wouldn't say anything at all."

Kelly, who has written for Jay Leno, said comedy is a rough career and demands a mixture of skills to become famous.

"I don't think there's a comic alive who is known strictly for being a comic," she said. "Nobody gets to the big-time in the clubs. It's using that as a spring-board for something else."

Kelly is using her club experience to ensure her future in the comedy and acting world.

"I want to be an actor," she said. "I would like to be starring in my own TV show."

Kelly said she already has some scripts ready for a show.

All she needs is to be the "flavor of the month."

Being a stand-up comedian has some advantages. Kelly has met some celebrities who have given their support. She said Tim Allen, of "Home Improvement," has been one of her biggest influences. She is also friends with Stephanie Hodge, of the hit TV show "Nurses."

While attending Missouri Southern, Kelly said she had some bumpy roads to overcome.

"I flunked out," she said. "I had no direction; I didn't know what I wanted to do. I was going nowhere, so at the request of the College I took a semester off."

She did return the following semester and graduated with a business degree.

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Mass choir begins 'Messiah' rehearsals

By TERRI HEETER
STAFF WRITER

Music will once again fill Taylor Auditorium with Handel's "Messiah."

For the third year, Handel's "Messiah" will be performed by members of the music department and area community.

"Handel's 'Messiah' is a present to the community," said Bud Clark, director of choral activities at Missouri Southern. "This gives people of the community who like to sing another outlet to sing."

The only requirement is that people love to sing and be able to make as many rehearsals as possible.

More than 1,000 churches and area schools were invited to participate in this event.

While 150 people attended the first rehearsal, Clark said the

total number of participants may reach 1,000.

"For me this is a wonderful work, and conducting it is a challenge," he said. "This is a unique opportunity that people should be a part of."

This year's performance will feature a new conducting twist. Clark said the seating arrangements for the orchestra will now be at the back of the stage in Taylor Auditorium, with the choir filling the rest of the stage and finished by standing in the front of the auditorium.

Clark will conduct the "Messiah" from a podium in the middle of the auditorium.

"The orchestra will not be able to see me because I'll be in front of the choir," he said. "So what they are going to do is put up several TV monitors [in the orchestra area] and put a camera

on me.

"They will have to watch the conducting via television."

This classic musical event will be performed at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 14 in Taylor Auditorium. It will be broadcast on Christmas Eve by KODE-TV, Channel 12.

For many participants, this is a yearly event. Tim Blake, senior communications major, has participated in this program since the beginning.

"I do it because Handel wrote such a fine piece of music," Blake said. "It is an honor to sing it."

Rehearsals are from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sundays, Nov. 14 and 21 in Taylor Auditorium, and Nov. 28 and Dec. 5 in the Webster Hall auditorium. The final rehearsal, with the full orchestra set for 6 p.m., Monday, Dec. 13 in Taylor Auditorium.

JOPLIN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Crime statistics mixed for first 6 months

10 murders committed in 18 months

By DIANTHA MATISTIC
STAFF WRITER

Joplin is often touted as a safe place to live—a city with a relatively low crime rate compared to other cities in the United States.

But to Joplin residents, it's probably less important how their city rates in criminal activity among others and more important how safe they feel in their homes and on the streets.

Crime statistics recently obtained from the Joplin Police Department show marked decreases in some types of crimes and small but significant increases in others. The figures are a comparison of crimes reported from January to July 1992 and for the same period this year.

Murder always makes the headlines and stays in the news as a suspect is sought, charged, arraigned, and tried. Such extensive coverage can lead to the appearance that murder is rampant in the community.

In actuality, the number of murders in Joplin in the last 18 months is 10—four of them

occurring in the January to July time frame this year. One more murder occurred in the first half of this year than in the first half of 1992, according to Lt. Lance Nichols of the Joplin Police Department, who noted that "murder is a crime of passion and you can't do anything to control it."

Nichols reported that the six murders that occurred here in 1992 were a record for the city.

Another violent crime on the upswing this year in Joplin is rape. So far this year there have been 17 cases of rape reported to the JPD—as many in the first six months of the year as occurred in all of 1992, Nichols noted.

Aggravated and non-aggravated assault have shown increases so far this year, with 95 cases of aggravated and 78 cases of non-aggravated reported. Thirty-nine more cases of assault occurred from January to July this year than the same period last year.

Robberies are being committed at about the same rate as in 1992, with 31 occurring so far in 1993. Arson cases are down a little from the first half of 1992, with 15 incidents on the record this year.

Theft of automobiles is up slightly this year, as 92 cases of auto theft have been investigated. Last year, a total of 168 cases were reported.

Burglary cases have declined this year, with 357 cases reported in the first six-month period. This compares to 430 cases during the January through July period of 1992. Total number of burglaries committed in Joplin in 1992 was 763.

The category of crime experiencing the largest decrease this year is larceny, with 1,293 cases reported to date as compared to

1,754 in the same period last year. However, a closer look of the last three six-month periods shows that larcenies actually reached a low during the August through December period of 1992, when 1,119 were reported.

In all, 2,451 felonious crimes were reported in the January through July time frame of 1992, and 1,982 have occurred during the first half of this year.

Criminals hate attention

Although the number of felony offenses occurring so far this year in Joplin is comparatively low, it doesn't mean residents should become complacent about their safety.

Rape is a crime of violence, according to Lt. Lance Nichols of the JPD, and there are steps women can take to lessen their chance of becoming victims.

Electronic personal protection devices, small, battery-operated alarms that can be worn clipped to clothing, are good items to have, Nichols said.

"A person committing a crime doesn't like attention drawn to himself," he said.

When the alarm is activated, it emits a high-pitched sound that should alert anyone in the vicinity that someone needs help. Mace, also known as "pepper spray," has long been

popular as a means of protection against attack.

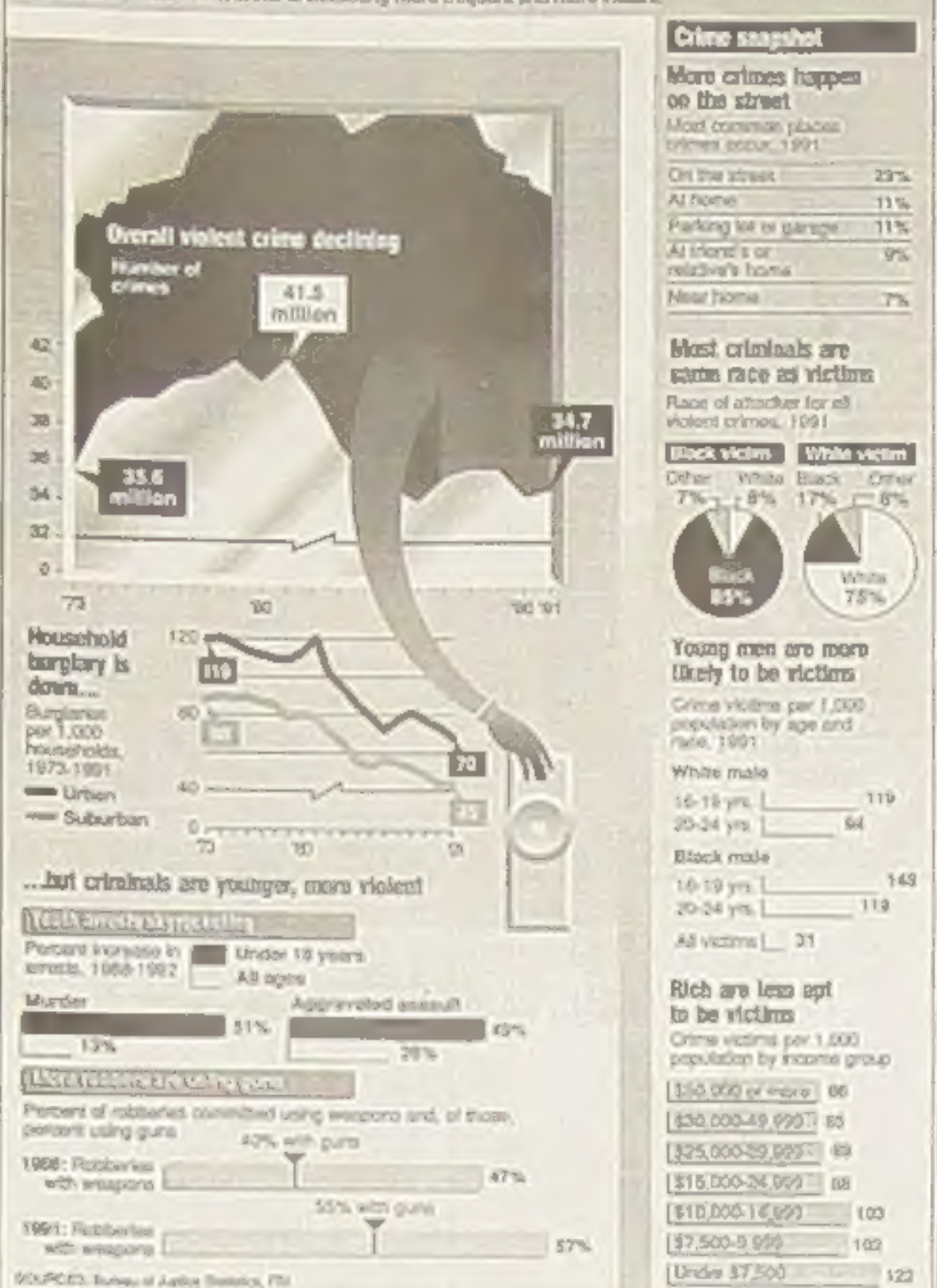
"It's not a bad product," Nichols said, "but if it's not used properly, it can be taken away from you and turned against you."

He advises against using it as a personal protection device for that reason. Crimes involving theft of property are "crimes of opportunity," according to Nichols. To help prevent them, he said to lock your home and car and secure your belongings so you won't provide a thief with an opportunity.

Nichols said your chances of being assaulted will decline if you stay away from situations and places that breed violence—such as bars. He cited the combination of people and alcohol as a potentially violent situation.

U.S. crime down, except in inner cities

Overall, robbery, assault, burglary and other crimes are declining in the U.S. Inner city areas are the exception. There, crime is becoming more frequent and more violent.



EVERYTHING'S JUST QUACKY



T. ROB BROWN/The Chari

An evening mist settles over a geese-inhabited pond in the Airport Drive village yesterday.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Free HIV test now available

Joplin behind KC, St. Louis for highest rate of infection

By DIANTHA MATISTIC
STAFF WRITER

Missouri Southern students can take advantage of free testing for HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus) offered by the Joplin City Health Department. HIV is the virus that causes AIDS.

Free testing is also available to all residents of Jasper, Barry, Cedar, Dade, Lawrence, McDonald, Newton, St. Clair,

and Vernon counties.

AIDS is rapidly growing among young heterosexuals, according to health department spokesman Stephen Fuhr, R.N.

"Anyone who has the virus can spread it to another person," he said.

Fuhr pointed out that the Joplin region has the third-highest HIV rate in the state—exceeded only by the Kansas City and St. Louis areas.

Of those tested in Joplin, almost two of every 100 persons have the virus, he said, meaning they have a 30 to 40 percent chance of getting AIDS in the three to five years after contracting HIV.

Blood for HIV testing is

drawn at the City Health Department, 113 Kentucky Ave and sent to the state testing facility at Jefferson City for analysis.

Fuhr said it usually takes seven to 10 days for test results.

He said results are given only to the person tested, in person, at the health department.

To ensure confidentiality, no telephone or mail notification is done.

Those who test positive are offered help in obtaining ongoing health care and counseling if they want it, Fuhr said.

To schedule an HIV test, persons should call the health department at (417) 623-6122.

TOURISM

Rail links Carthage, Branson

Tourists given chance to visit both locations

By KEVIN McCLINTOCK
STAFF WRITER

Carthage reverted to the 1960s on Nov. 3 when a Branson passenger train visited the city for the first time in three decades.

Many Carthage residents were on hand to meet the train and its 107 passengers from the "Music Capital of the World" in what is hoped to be the first of many trips between the two Missouri cities.

Alan Kamp, vice president of the Branson Scenic Railway, said his company is considering sponsoring a round-trip ride to Carthage every month if there is enough demand.

"The trip to Carthage requires the full day. Some of the tourists visiting in Branson don't have that kind of time."

But Cheryl Dandridge, director of the Carthage Chamber of Commerce, who put together

the warm welcome the passengers received at the Carthage depot, sees great potential in the idea of an active railway link between Carthage and Branson. She says the success of the visit, as well as the enthusiasm shown by both sides, could

twice every month."

The passenger train pulled into the depot after a three-hour morning ride and was greeted by cheering residents and local business leaders, the Carthage High School jazz band, and a banner welcoming it to the city.

"They should help Carthage tremendously, with the tourists coming in and all. It's been something we've been trying to get to happen in Carthage for a long time."

— Cheryl Dandridge

lead to great things for the four-state area.

"There is no doubt about it that the trip went off without a hitch," Dandridge said, "and we're possibly planning future visits, this time to Branson. As of right now, you have to view the whole thing as a one-time deal."

"But if plans go through, then we can expect a train going from Branson to Carthage and Carthage to Branson once or

Commuters were taken by tour bus to spend the afternoon at Precious Moments; eventually leaving for home at 2:30 p.m.

Dandridge says the potential of these trips having a positive effect upon the city's economy has everyone excited.

"They should help Carthage tremendously, with the tourists coming in and all," she said. "It's been something we've been trying to get to happen in Carthage for a long time."

Do you know someone born in 1894?

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TELECOMMUNICATIONS

From pants to phones

Middleton juggles family, technology

By CHRIS MORROW
CHART REPORTER

Andy Middleton once gave new meaning to the expression "whistle while you work."

Middleton, telecommunication/user support manager, previously worked in a pants company. "Pressing pants became quite routine, so I taught myself to whistle," he said.

Middleton comes to Southern from Miami, Okla., where he has spent most of his life. He is married and has children ages 12, 8, and 4.

He has an associate's degree in electronic technology from Northeastern Oklahoma A&M in Miami.

"I stopped too early and would like to go on," said Middleton, who encourages Southern students by saying "Don't stop until you get all the degrees you want."

That is why Middleton ad-

mires Thomas Edison, "who was innovative and wasn't a quitter."

At Southern, Middleton is the manager of the phone and network systems and electronic mail.

His father, who also worked in electronic technology, had a more dangerous job.

"My father did a lot of tower climbing in his profession, which put him at some risk," Middleton said. "He fell twice off towers he was working on."

"I would have been a doctor, so I could help people. But if I was going to be a doctor I didn't want to be thought of as just another doctor in the world."

— Andy Middleton

In one incident, the guide wire of a tower snapped and his father fell to the ground.

"He also came in contact with 800 volts of R.F. energy," Middleton said.

"It took two years to recover, but he made it and went on with his life."

If Middleton had not chosen the field of telecommunications,

he said,

"I would have been a doctor, so I could help people. But if I was going to be a doctor, I didn't want to be thought of as just another doctor in the world."

In his spare time, Middleton loves to watch "Star Trek," read such magazines as *Popular Science* and *Popular Mechanics*, and do odd jobs around the house.

He is the assistant coach of his daughter's softball team, and manager of the sound system at

his church, Worldwide Church.

Middleton has a humorous side, evidenced by this story:

"My wife and I went out to dinner one night. When we got to our table, I pulled the chair out so she could sit down. I pulled that chair out too far, and my wife fell to the ground. That was probably my most embarrassing moment in my life."

ACCOUNTING

Comstock enjoying new role

By WILLIAM GRUBBS
CHART REPORTER

Teaching is far from the hustle of Wall Street, but Dr. Mark Comstock says he is doing exactly what he enjoys.

"It makes sense to put students first," he says. "There are schools that emphasize research more than teaching, and schools that emphasize teaching more than research. Missouri Southern is a school that emphasizes teaching."

Comstock, 35, joined Southern this year as an assistant professor of accounting. He believes in academic excellence and being the best.

"I want to become the best accounting educator that I can," Comstock said. "I also want to make a good contribution to the community, to the College, to my colleagues, and to the students."

He began his collegiate career at Colorado State University, then transferred to Southern. He received his bachelor's degree in marketing and management from the College in 1980, his master's from Pittsburg State University, and his Ph.D. from the University of Oklahoma.

"I ended up as a stock broker with Merrill Lynch," Comstock said. "It was a great position, but I took a leave of absence to get my CPA and MBA. I thought it would be helpful to me in being an adviser if I knew better how a CPA thought."

Comstock then became an

A SLOWER PACE



GENESSIS WILSON/The Chart

Mark Comstock moved from New York to Joplin so he could teach.

assistant professor at North Carolina State University, specializing in financial and managerial accounting. Comstock's knowledge as an adviser impressed an organization other than Merrill Lynch; it caught the eye of the Navy.

"The Navy invited me to come out on board the carrier USS America on maneuvers in the North Atlantic," Comstock said.

"They have an interest in total quality management, which they call total quality leadership that I am working on."

Comstock says family is an important part of his life. He and his wife of 12 years, Angela, are expecting their first child in January. Although family is first

priority, Comstock says he has other interests as well.

"Being from Colorado Springs, Colo., I enjoy running and snow skiing," he said. "I also enjoy my two dogs and bird that occupy a lot of my time."

Comstock is no stranger to accomplishment. From the honor roll at the University of Oklahoma, to awards and tuition scholarships, he says he has worked hard to achieve those goals. Comstock says having goals motivates him to improve his performance in the classroom.

"I want to do some diverse things and have broad insights to bring into the classroom with me," he said.

BIOLOGY

Joplin native happy with career change

By ROBERT OGDEN
CHART REPORTER

From veterinary medicine to college teaching comes Dr. Scott Wells, instructor of biology.

"I'm most recently from Springfield, but grew up in Joplin," he said.

Wells, a veterinarian since 1985, operated a practice in Springfield.

"I had a unique kind of place in Springfield," he said. "It was a combination clinic and pet supply."

Wells said the business was directed more to the supply line rather than clinical medicine, but small animal care was included.

He said clinical medicine was practiced on an "out-patient" basis.

It was not a traditional prac-

tice, as emphasis was primarily on preventive medicine.

"Primarily focusing on the food end of it, we sold lots of food," he said.

"With teaching, the students are more appreciative. There is more communication."

— Dr. Scott Wells

"We tried to go with premium-type food products, to prevent problems before they occurred."

Wells served an internship with a clinic in Hot Springs, Ark., that catered to the horse racing industry.

"It was a lot of fun, especially with the Thoroughbreds," he

said.

Wells grew up in Joplin and took a few classes at Missouri Southern.

He then went to the Univer-

sity of Missouri, where he graduated and remained for his DVM degree.

"I like the Joplin area," he said. "My wife and I both have family here."

"I am well familiar with Missouri Southern," Wells added. "I was looking to get into teaching, and now I am

full-time."

Wells began teaching last spring on a part-time basis. He said teaching is more desirable for him because of the people contact.

With veterinary medicine, one may never know the outcome of the job done, Wells said.

The client takes the animal home, and he may never hear from them again.

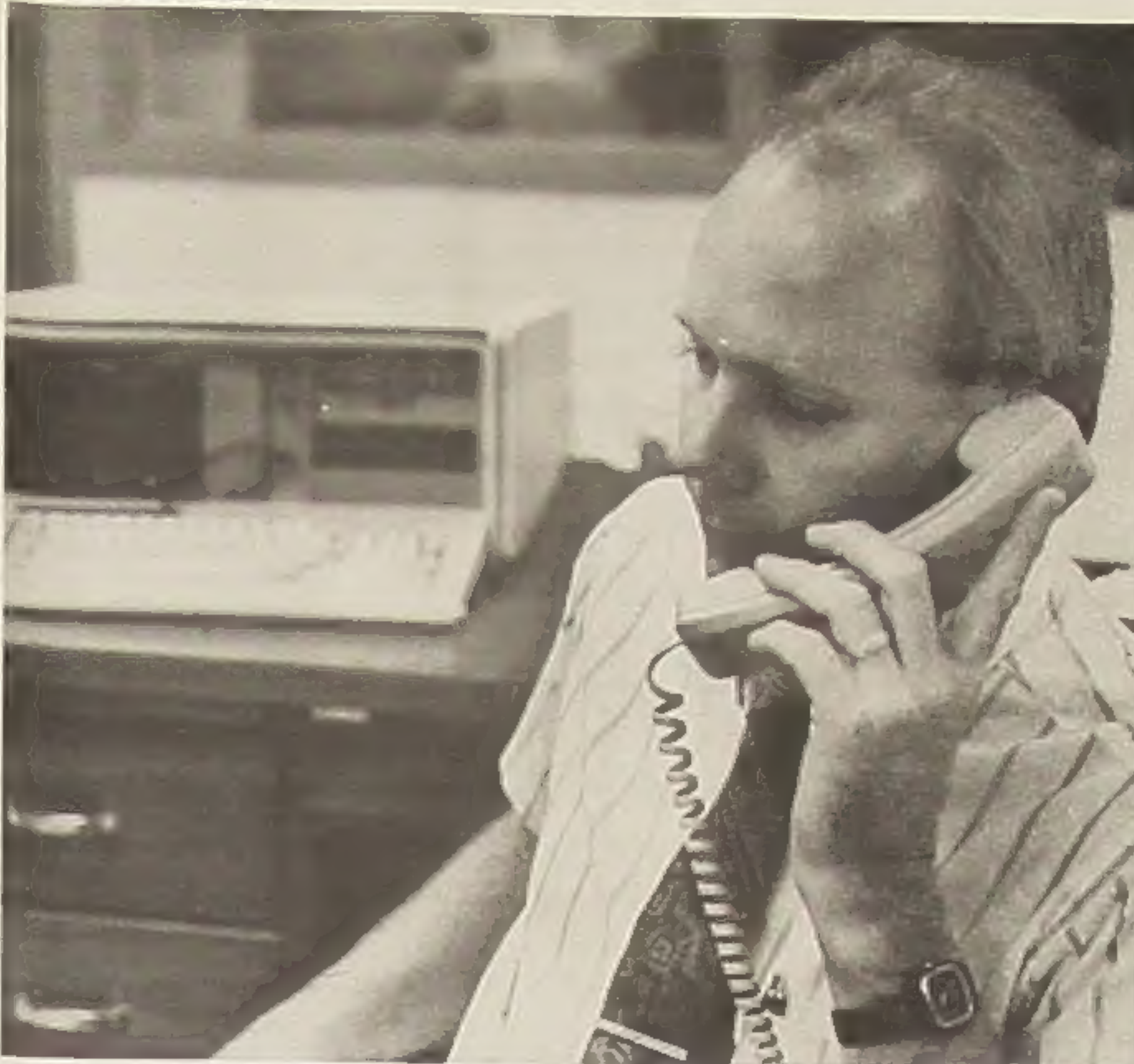
"With teaching," he said, "the students are more appreciative. There is more communication."

His hobbies include fishing, gardening, woodworking, and furniture building.

"I'm kind of a sports nut; my wife will tell you that," Wells said.

"I've got a baseball rotisserie league."

PHONE MAN



GENESSIS WILSON/The Chart

Andy Middleton manages Southern's new telephone system. If he had not chosen to work in telecommunications, Middleton would have become a doctor. He graduated from NEO A&M in Miami, Okla.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE MAJORS

Keller twins not 'connected by brain'

Advantages outweigh drawbacks

By DIANE VOLK
CHART REPORTER

Yang and Yang. Or is it Yang and Yin? Ask an identical twin, and the response is that they are both the same—but different.

Identical twins Travis and Trevor Keller, junior criminal justice majors, believe they are "almost one, yet separate individuals."

The benefits of being a twin are "more clothes, able to fool people easily, and always knowing there is a back-up if you are in a fight," Travis said.

"It can be a real pain, though," Trevor said, "when people come up to me and start talking to me thinking it's Travis. You want to say 'Hello! Wake up! I'm Trevor.'"

Trevor said what bothers him most is when people think they "are connected by the brain."

"They treat us the same, like we're the same person. They will say 'I told your brother. You should have known,'" said Trevor. "But just because you told my brother doesn't mean you told me."

Travis was born six minutes before Trevor.

"For some reason, I have always assumed the lead when we do things together," Travis said. "I feel like I am



Travis and Trevor Keller

the older brother. Every morning we cross the campus to Matthews Hall, and we will come to a spot where there is only room for one person to go through. I always go first. Always.

"And I wait for Trevor to make sure he is all right, if we are going somewhere but in different cars."

Trevor said they are so close that "we finish each other's sentences."

"Travis and I think exactly alike, much more than if we were ordinary brothers," he said.

Their older brother, Eric, is their hero "because he acted like the man of the family so early,"

they said. But even the affection they feel for him "is not the same," said Travis and Trevor.

Both Travis and Trevor speak about duplicate pains that they experience at the same time.

"It's usually in our hands," said Travis. "The pain will be in my right hand and in his left hand in exactly the same spot."

Travis plans to go on to law school and pursue a career in the FBI, while Trevor envisions a career with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Department. In their spare time both play soccer and fish and hunt.



Dr. Scott Wells

FOOTBALL

Unbeaten Lions to test former coach's defense

By JEFFREY SLATTON
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

The Missouri Southern football team will look to cap off an undefeated regular season Saturday when it travels to Maryville to take on Northwest Missouri State at 1 p.m.

Last week, the Lions (8-0 overall, 8-0 in the MIAA) clinched at least a tie for the conference title with a 47-33 victory over Missouri-Rolla. Northwest dropped to 3-7 (3-5) with a 41-10 loss to Central Missouri State.

"All year we've continued to improve, and we are scoring a lot of points," Southern Head Coach Jon Lantz said. "But if we are going to continue to move on, we're going to have to get better."

Against UMR, Southern was forced to run its offense out of the spread formation most of the time.

"We only ran out of the I-formation about five times," Lantz said. "Our longest drive of the game was about three minutes."

MO. SOUTHERN AT NORTHWEST MO. ST.



WHEN: 1 p.m. Saturday
WHERE: Rickenbacker Stadium, Maryville
RECORDS: Southern 8-0-1 (8-0), Northwest 3-7 (3-5)
SERIES: 2-2, Northwest won last year 35-27 in Joplin
LAST WEEK: Southern beat Missouri-Rolla 47-33 at home, Northwest lost at Central Mo. St. 41-10
COACHES: Southern: Jon Lantz (30-18-1, 17th year), Northwest: Bud Eick (27-38-1, sixth year)
LISTEN TO THE LIONS: KFSS AM-1310, KNLL FM-87.9, pregame 2 p.m.

I felt like we could have scored more.

"We're basically working out of our own version of the run-and-shoot."

Southern was forced to abandon the I-formation after junior fullback Jared Kaaiheho was injured in the Oct. 30 Washburn contest.

"Jared does not need surgery and may be available for the

second round of the playoffs—if we get that far," Lantz said.

Offensively, Southern amassed 457 yards against Rolla, including 297 yards passing by senior quarterback Matt Cook. Senior Rod Smith caught six passes for 101 yards, and freshman Jason Dyer caught four for 112. On the ground, sophomore tailback Albert Bland ran for 164 yards on 20 carries.

"It's nice to have all four of your primary receivers with big days," Lantz said. "It makes us tougher to scout."

"With Kaaiheho hurt, I'm in a position where I don't want to take any of those guys out."

Defensively, the Lions surrendered 474 yards against the Miners.

"I think we've shown some susceptibility against the run," Lantz said. "We have to improve."

The win clinched at least a tie for the MIAA championship, an accolade Lantz is particularly proud of.

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BREAKING AWAY



T. ROB BROWN/The Chart
Missouri Southern's Harlin Hill Award candidate, Rod Smith, caught six passes for 101 yards and one touchdown against UMR.

SPORTS COLUMN



JEFFREY SLATTON

Chiefs should bench Krieg, play Blundin

The Kansas City Chiefs will not win the Super Bowl.

I know that may shock many people here in Chieftown, but it will not happen.

Why? Because Joe Montana is too fragile to play in every game. Therefore, once play-off time comes around in January, he will not be sharp and the Chiefs will fail. That's providing he can still dress out for the games.

The Chiefs will not win the AFC Western Division, either.

For some reason, people in the Chiefs' organization believe Dave Krieg is going to be able to carry the team on the weeks that Joe Montana can't play. Won't happen.

The problem is this: Joe Montana and a dollar bill have one thing not in common. One of those two will consistently give you four good quarters. (Hint: It isn't Joe.) Meanwhile, the Denver Broncos have a stable and arguably better quarterback in John Elway.

Let's examine Krieg's performance so far this season. Week No. 2, the Chiefs travel to Houston to take on the Oilers and Krieg can barely move the ball across the 50-yard line. Chiefs get spanked 30-0.

Krieg's next effort was a home contest a few weeks later against the minor league Cincinnati Bengals. (Hint: It isn't Joe.) Meanwhile, the Denver Broncos have a stable and arguably better quarterback in John Elway.

But, the Chiefs do manage to squeak one out against a team they should have walloped.

Joe (why bother with his last name?) plays a while longer, then gets hurt against Miami. Krieg can't move the ball, and the Chiefs lose another huge game to a conference rival.

Krieg plays against the Green Bay Packers on Monday Night Football and looks awful. It's a good thing for the Chiefs' defense and the ineptness of the Packers' offense, or the Chiefs go down in flames again.

The point is this: if Joe Montana can't play, you've got to find somebody who can. The guy who deserves his shot is backup QB Matt Blundin. Blundin is in his third year with the Chiefs out of Virginia. The Chiefs drafted him as their quarterback of the future. So why not give him the chance?

There should be no doubt that the younger Blundin is a better athlete than either Krieg or Joe. Blundin started for Virginia in basketball, similar to another ACC player doing the same thing, Florida State's Charlie Ward.

He cannot be any worse than Krieg, and ask the Miami Dolphins what a nobody who comes off the bench to replace your starting quarterback can do for you.

This is the perfect opportunity for the Chiefs to play Blundin. After all, how many more years will you be able to have your future quarterback trained by Joe?

The game experience is where Blundin will get better and eventually shine.

Give him a chance, and he might just surprise you with rewards in January.

I'm just waiting patiently for my St. Louis Stallions to become a reality.

Jeffrey Slatton

THE HIT



T. ROB BROWN/The Chart

Missouri Southern freshman linebacker Brian Strain attempts to take down a Missouri-Rolla rusher during the Lions' 47-33 win over the Miners Saturday. The win clinched a share of the MIAA title for the Lions.

NCAA DIVISION II PLAYOFFS

Southern learns of fate Sunday

Press conference to be shown live at 1:30 in BSC

By JEFFREY SLATTON
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

At 1:30 p.m. Sunday, the Missouri Southern football team will learn its fate when the NCAA Division II football playoff pairings are announced via satellite.

The live press conference will be shown in the first-floor lounge of the Billingsly Student Center and is open to the public.

"At that time, we will learn the sites of all the playoff games in the country," said Jim Frazier, men's athletics director.

Frazier said if Southern beats Northwest Missouri State Saturday, it will host the first two rounds of the NCAA tournament.

"Being the No. 1 seed in the Midwest region, we are in a position to host all regional games," he said. "Any school that makes the minimum bid and is the highest seed should get to host."

In the Midwest region, Southern is No. 1 (8-0-1), fol-

lowed by North Dakota (8-1), Mankato (Minn.) State (8-2), and Wayne (Neb.) State (10-0). Others receiving votes are Pittsburg State (7-2), North Dakota St. (7-3), and Central Missouri State (7-2-1).

Frazier said factors in determining host sites for the regional games are airfare expense and conference match-ups.

"The committee will try to match up the seeds, one vs. four and two vs. three, with no air fare," he said. "The next issue is that you do not want two institutions from the same conference playing the same game."

Missouri Southern already has played Pittsburg State and Central Missouri State. North Dakota has played Mankato State and North Dakota State. Wayne State is an independent school and has not played any other team under consideration.

"If it would end today, I am of the opinion that Southern would host Mankato State and North Dakota would host Wayne State," Frazier said. "That breaks up the conference match-ups."

"The seed would no longer be a priority. The priority is the

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Ask The Coach



Jon Lantz
Head Football Coach

Q: How does it feel to be Mid-America Inter-collegiate Athletics Association champions? P.S.

A: "It's a great day for Southern football, and a great day for our staff. We were brought to Southern to reestablish respectability in this program. But that wasn't enough for these guys."

Have a question for one of the Missouri Southern coaches? Send it to Jeffrey Slatton, The Chart, 233 Webster Hall, call 825-5311, or fax it to 825-8742.

WHAT IF THE SEASON ENDED TODAY?

WEST REGION

1. Portland (Ore.) St. 7-2-0
2. Cal-Davis 8-1-0
3. Angelo (Texas) St. 7-2-0
4. Texas A&M-Kingsville 4-5-0

5. Abilene Christian
6. Central Oklahoma

KEY GAMES THIS WEEK

Central Arkansas at Portland St.
Cal-Sacramento at Cal-Davis
Angelo St. at Texas A&M-Kingsville

SOUTHEAST REGION

1. North Alabama 9-0-0
2. Hampton U. (Va.) 10-0-0
3. Albany (Ga.) St. 10-0-0
4. Carson-Newman (Tenn.) 7-1-1

5. Virginia St. 9-1-0
6. Valdosta (Ga.) St.

KEY GAME THIS WEEK

Pt. Valley St. (Ga.) at Albany St.

MIDWEST REGION

1. Missouri Southern 8-0-1
2. North Dakota 8-1-0
3. Mankato St. 6-2-0
4. Wayne (Neb.) 10-0-0

5. Pittsburg St. 7-2-0
6. North Dakota St. 7-3-0

KEY GAMES THIS WEEK

Missouri Southern at Northwest Mo. St.
North Dakota at Northern Michigan
Mankato State at Nebraska-Omaha
Wayne St. at Minnesota-Duluth
Emporia St. at Pittsburg St.
North Dakota St. at Augustana (S.D.)

NORTHEAST REGION

1. New Haven (Conn.) 9-0-0
2. Indiana (Pa.) 9-0-0
3. Ferris (Mich.) St. 6-0-2
4. Ashland (Ohio) 6-2-0

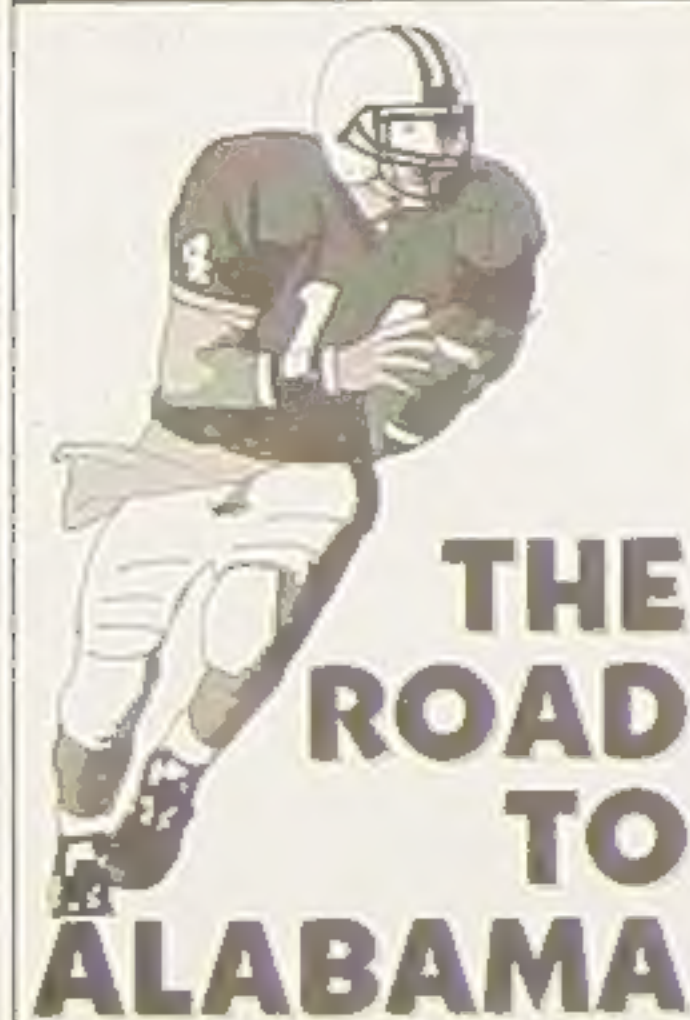
5. Millersville (Pa.) 8-1-0
6. Edinboro (Pa.) 7-2-0

KEY GAMES THIS WEEK

Millersville at Edinboro
Ashland at Northern Michigan

Four teams from each region will be selected for the NCAA Division II football championship tournament.

Nov. 20 — First Round At Campus Sites
Dec. 4 — Third Round At Campus Sites
Nov. 27 — Second Round At Campus Sites
Dec. 11 — National Championship At Florence, Ala.



GREAT LAKES REGIONAL CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Rutledge proud of effort

Over 100 volunteers make event a success

By P.J. GRAHAM
STAFF WRITER

After hosting last weekend's NCAA Great Lakes Regional Championship without a ripple of trouble, Missouri Southern may have set itself up to host the 1995 NCAA National Cross Country Championships.

"As far as hosting is concerned, we ran on of the best meets we've ever seen," said Head Coach Tom Rutledge. "We had a lot of help—we had over 100 volunteers. It made me very proud."

Though the weather was chilly and windy, Rutledge said there were no serious problems or hangups during the meet. The meet had more than 20 teams represented.

"I think it will be a very big plus in our corner," he said.

The leading teams in the meet were Lewis (Ill.) University and Wisconsin-Parkside in the men's and women's divisions, respectively. Central Missouri State University proved itself consistent by being the runner-up in both the men's and women's meets.

The top individual runners for the men were Jurmain Mitchell of Emporia State, Eric Berry of Ashland, and Oliver Grund of Ashland. Leading the women were Kristen Crouch of Michigan Tech, Rebecca Wilson of Missouri-Rolla, and Brandi Heaps of CMSU.

Southern's results in the men's were Juan Rojas, 68; Paul Baker, 83; Higinio Covarrubias, 102; Josh Rogers, 113; and Bryan Lawler,

131. The team together scored a 497 for 21st place.

The women placed 19th with 503 points. Lady Lion results include Kathy Williams, 88; Nicole Deem, 91; Chericka Bartells, 109; Tonya Graham, 113; and Shawna Skinner, 121.

"We were weak this year in both the men's and the women's," Rutledge said, "but I felt it was our obligation to show two teams since we were the hosts. In the men, we knew where we were."

"But they've improved each week. It was hard for those freshmen to pull up the slack against the senior teams."

Rutledge is equally proud of the effort of his women's team this season, despite losing top runners Rhonda Cooper and Shelly Rose at the end of the season to injuries.

"It made my women grow up," he said. "My heptathletes and hurdlers are much stronger now and are looking forward to indoor track and field."

He was particularly impressed with Bartells, a freshman who had never ran cross country before this season.

"Chericka was the most improved, and I thought she had an excellent season," Rutledge said.

He is now recruiting and training for the indoor track and field season to begin Jan. 21 at the University of Arkansas.

"I feel good about a lot of things this season," Rutledge said. "My athletes worked very hard and tried hard—that's all a coach can ask for. I'm proud of the way they stayed together, because a lot of them could have folded their tent."

LET IT SNOW...



T. ROB BROWN/The Chart
A women's runner crosses the finish amidst flurries.

A FRESH START



T. ROB BROWN/The Chart
Runners in the men's division begin their race during the Great Lakes Regional Cross Country meet held at Missouri Southern Saturday. The men's team competition was won by Lewis (Ill.) University.

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conference and the airfare." Don Amiot, athletic director at Mankato State, also sits on the selection committee. He declined to predict which teams specifically would qualify for the playoffs, saying it is still too early.

"We figure that seven teams are still in contention at this time," he said. "We have a conference call scheduled for 9:30 [p.m.] Saturday and will decide then."

Earlier this week, rumors circulated in the community that Pittsburg State, the No. 5 team in the region, might be shipped off to the West region where the No. 4 team, Texas A&M-Kingsville, has a 4-5 record.

KKOW's Tom Van Hoy said he misunderstood the rules of the committee when he first made the announcement on his radio show Monday.

"It was my understanding that it was not necessary to keep the teams in their own region," he said.

"But now I'm told that the rules changed recently and now they will take only four teams from each region."

Amiot said Pittsburg State would have to qualify in the Midwest region.

"The tournament is a regional

tournament," he said.

"Years ago it was possible to move teams around, but the executive committee changed that."

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Frazier said the play by Pittsburg State is just another in a long line.

"Those people need to shut up and do their jobs, and we need

to make a big deal out of the fact that we are going to win the conference championship," he said. "Let them have their problems while we enjoy our success."

"Right now I'm of the opinion that all of their crying and moaning has overshadowed the success of our football team."

Frazier said the bidding process for hosting an event has changed. Colleges must now bid only the minimum and have the lower seed in order to host.

"Institutions were bidding \$40,000 and only bringing in \$20,000 after the game," he said. "The college would then have to come up with the remainder of the money."

"We have a liability and have to meet that obligation. People were overextending their bids."

Should the Lions continue to win through rounds one and two, Frazier said it is possible for Southern to host round three.

"Weather, facility, and feasibility of transportation are all factors that will be considered," he said. "We've just got to win the first game, then the second, then we'll move on from there."

The championship will take place Dec. 11 in Florence, Ala.

"I know one thing: we play better at home," Frazier said.

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"It's a great day for Southern football, a great day for our staff," he said. "We were brought to Southern to reestablish respectability in this program."

"But that wasn't enough for these guys."

A win this week against Northwest will ensure the Lions the outright championship and a berth in the NCAA Division II playoffs.

"We don't want to tie for the championship, especially with

Pittsburg St. (7-1 in the MIAA)," Lantz said.

"I've said this nearly every week of the year, but this is one of the biggest games of the year."

Bud Elliott, Northwest head coach, said his squad has its work cut out against Southern.

"We're facing the No. 6 team in the nation this week, and they deserve to be ranked there," he said.

"Cook will probably be an All-American at quarterback, and

Rod Smith is definitely an All-American candidate at wide receiver."

"But they are doing a good job of getting the ball to their other receivers, too. That's what's making them a good football team."

Northwest runs a wishbone offense led by senior quarterback Lawrence Luster. Luster leads the Bearcats in rushing with 655 yards on 123 carries, but was injured in Northwest's loss to Central last week.

"He'll try to play if he can," Lantz said. "But without him, they become a totally different offense."

Former Southern coach Al Cade serves as the Bearcats' defensive coordinator. "AJ's got them lined up sound-

ly," Lantz said. "They've been similar to us on defense all year."

Lantz said the key to the game will be the Lions' ability to stop the Northwest option. Southern will play its second consecutive game without sophomore defensive lineman Myron Davis (broken ankle bone).

"The whole key to the game will be our defensive front," Lantz said. "Myron may be ready next week for the playoffs."

"I've said this nearly every week of the year, but this is one of the biggest games of the year."

— Head Coach Jon Lantz

FOOTBALL

Southern 47, Mo.-Rolla 33

(Saturday)

U.M.R. 7- 7- 12- 7-33
LIONS 20- 13- 14- 0-47

First Quarter

LIONS — Jason Dyer 23-yard pass from Matt Cook, Crader kick (7-0).
UMR — Dawson 13-yard pass from Mike Wise, Luster kick (7-7).
LIONS — Rod Smith 5-yard pass from Cook, Crader kick (14-7).
LIONS — Dyer 40-yard pass from Cook, kick failed (20-7).

Second Quarter

LIONS — Cook 2-yard run, pass failed (26-7).
UMR — Brown 6-yard run, Luster kick (26-14).
LIONS — Albert Bland 41-yard run, Crader kick (33-14).

Third Quarter

UMR — Brown 4-yard run, Luster kick (33-21).
UMR — Howard 14-yard pass from Wise, kick failed (33-27).
LIONS — Gerald Brewer 19-yard pass from Cook, Crader kick (40-27).
LIONS — Richard Jordan 31-yard pass interception return, Crader kick (47-27).

Fourth Quarter

UMR — Howard 5-yard pass from Wise, Luster kick (47-33).

TEAM STATISTICS

	UMR	MS
First Downs	26	30
Rushing Attempts	58	30
Rushing Yards	232	177
Passing Completions	20	13
Passing Attempts	37	21
Passing Yards	225	297
Return Yards	147	168
Punts/Yards	4/29.8	3/38.0
Fumbles/Lost	2/1	4/2
Penalties/Yards	8/72	8/72

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING (Mo.-Rolla): LIONS: Bland 20-154; Smith 1-21; Anderson 2-4; Hunt 1-2; Cook 8-44. UMR: Brown 39-186; Zung 9-46; Williams 1-2; Wise 9-31.
PASSING (Mo.-Rolla): LIONS: Cook 13-20-297; Smith 0-1-0. UMR: Wise 20-37-225.
RECEIVING (Mo.-Rolla): LIONS: Smith 6-101; Dyer 4-112; Brewer 3-84. UMR: Howard 7-87; Screasen 3-64; Dawson 4-41; Hug 2-34.

VOLLEYBALL

MISSOURI SOUTHERN
FINAL INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

(Saturday in Joplin)

Team Results

1. Wisconsin-Parkside 74
2. Central Missouri St. 99
3. Ashland 122
4. Indianapolis 123
5. Pittsburg St. 135
6. Grand Valley St. 181
7. Michigan Tech 234
8. Saint Joseph's 240
9. Emporia St. 264
10. Southern Indiana 274
11. Northeast Missouri St. 288
12. Northwest Missouri St. 311
13. Saginaw Valley St. 368
14. Ferris St. 383
15. Lake Superior St. 387
16. Oakland 427
17. Missouri Southern 503
18. Bellarmine 538

(Individual Results)
1. Kristen Crouch, Michigan Tech 18-10
2. Rebecca Wilson, Mo.-Rolla 18-12
3. Brandi Heaps, Central Mo. St. 18-14
4. Sarah Seidewitz, Ashland 18-23
5. Julie Heiskell, Pittsburg St. 18-33
6. Beth Walker, Indianapolis 18-35
7. Laura Wilk, St. Joseph's 18-38
8. Tracey Page, Wis.-Parkside 18-39
9. Wendy Platt, Pittsburg St. 18-40
10. Jennifer Galbraith, S. Indiana 18-40.5
11. Kylene Windsor, Central Mo. St. 18-40.9
12. Angela Calhoun, Emporia St. 18-46
13. Kelly Watson, Wis.-Parkside 18-46.5
14. Kelly Winchester, Grand Valley 18-46.5
15. Sandy Thomas, Central Mo. St. 18-48.5

(Missouri Southern Results)
68. Kathy Williams 20-02
91. Nicole Deem 21-06
109. Chericka Bartells 22-15
113. Tonya Graham 22-40
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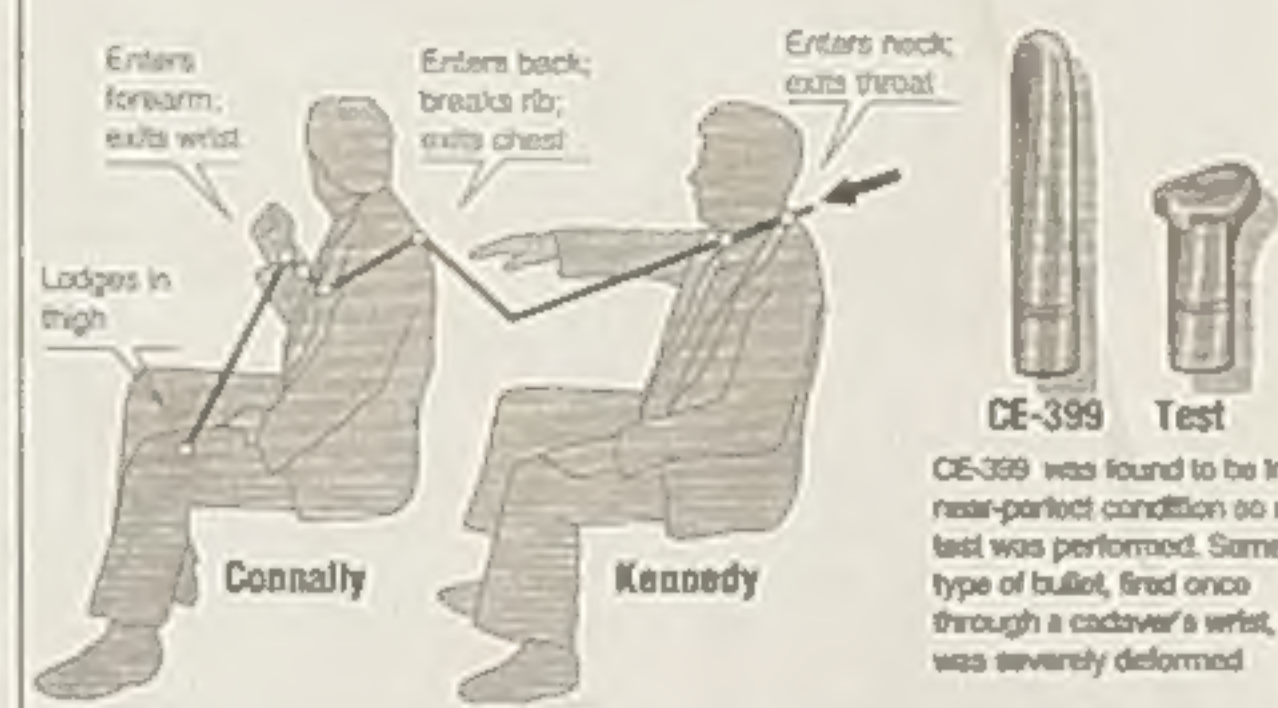
After 30 years, questions still remain



A view of Dealey Plaza, the scene of the most famous homicide in American history. Lee Harvey Oswald allegedly shot President John Kennedy from the sixth floor of the Texas Book Depository (1) as his motorcade passed through the plaza (2). Conspiracy theorists believe some of the shots may have come from the grassy knoll (3), and a 1978 congressional investigation found that a fourth shot probably had been fired.

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Warren Commission Exhibit 399 or "the magic bullet" was found on a stretcher at Parkland Hospital. The Commission contends that this bullet, virtually undamaged, passed through Kennedy and Connally causing seven separate wounds. Researchers say this was impossible.

Theorists refuse to let case go away

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[Editor's note: This is the first of a two-part series commemorating the 30th anniversary of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. In this issue we explore the event itself and the controversy which has surrounded the investigation. Next week we will look at how the event affected people in Joplin and at Missouri Southern.]

It was Nov. 22, 1963, when those fateful shots rang out, snuffing out the life of America's 34th president.

Now, 30 years later, John F. Kennedy's assassination still stirs emotion and controversy like few events in our nation's history. Thousands of people are expected to visit Dealey Plaza in Dallas, where Lee Harvey Oswald allegedly fired the shots that took Kennedy's life and seriously wounded Texas Gov. John Connally.

The event and the subsequent investigations, including the famous Warren Commission set up in early 1964 and led by the late Chief Justice Earl Warren, left more questions than answers for some Americans.

Was Oswald guilty? Did he act alone? How many shots were fired? These and many other

questions have been left unanswered by the investigations. Countless books and articles have come out blaming Fidel Castro, the Mafia, the government, and others for plotting to kill Kennedy.

At the annual convention of the Associated Collegiate Press in Dallas Oct. 28-31, journalists and investigators presented their theories of what happened that day and who was responsible.

Mark Lane, author of the 1966 book *Rush to Judgment* and Kennedy assassination expert, said the official government investigations conducted immediately after the shooting only confused the issue.

"When it comes to the death of Kennedy, the matter is not resolved," Lane said. "Nothing is settled until it is settled properly. The government has continued to proclaim for 30 years that a man who was innocent was guilty."

Lane theorized that the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) was involved in a plot to kill Kennedy.

"It was a CIA hit," he said. "Kennedy was getting everyone out of Vietnam, and the CIA wanted the Vietnam War to continue. Kennedy was also going to abolish the CIA and set up an intelligence agency that would report truthfully to the president."

Jim Marrs, former reporter for the *Fort Worth Star-Telegraph*, said the media response to the assassination was "one of the darkest episodes in its history."

"Like 99 percent of the public, we believed the Warren Commission report as gospel," Marrs said. "We didn't believe our government would lie to us."

Marrs said he believes two separate conspiracies were involved in Kennedy's death: one to carry out the assassination, and one to cover it up.

"This was a massive cover-up—one that reached the highest echelons of our government," Marrs said. "There were two totally different operations carried out for two totally different reasons. There was a coup d'état in this country in 1963, and the guilty parties were Lyndon B. Johnson and J. Edgar Hoover."

Others at the Associated Collegiate Press convention were equally convinced that Oswald did kill Kennedy and he did it alone.

Mike Cochran, reporter for the *Associated Press*, said the American people want to believe there was a conspiracy.

"It was very difficult for Americans to believe that so much damage was done by a punk kid," Cochran said. "The Warren Commission only contributed to the problem."

Hugh Aynesworth, a reporter for the *Dallas Morning News* who covered the assassination and was present when the police arrested Oswald, said no one has proven a conspiracy took place.

"I'm not here to tell you that there was no conspiracy, but not one solid fact that proves anyone other than Oswald was involved has ever been presented," Aynesworth said.

The AP's Cochran, who was in a bus not far behind Kennedy's car in the motorcade that day, said he heard three gunshots.

"From where I was it was obvious that there were three shots and where they came from," he said.

All sides agree that the handling of Kennedy's autopsy, the investigation by Dallas police and federal officials, and the Warren Commission's investigation were flawed and did little but muddy the public's perception of what actually happened.

"Anything official that had anything to do with the investigation was botched," Aynesworth said. "Had LBJ laid the cards on the table and let the chips fall where they may none of this litany would have happened. Now people believe since the government lied about Watergate, they must have lied about the Kennedy assassination."



Was this the view one of Kennedy's assassins had of the roadway he traveled? Some theorists have speculated that one or more of the shots was fired from this triple overpass at the south end of Dealey Plaza.

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A vender in Dealey Plaza points toward the sixth-floor window where Oswald allegedly fired the fateful shots.



Some conspiracy theorists believe that an attacker fired at the president from this position behind a picket fence on the grassy knoll. While the Warren Commission in 1964 decided that Oswald fired three times at Kennedy, a 1978 congressional investigation found that a fourth shot probably had been fired.